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THE SHIEL HALL, OLNEY.

TEEDON'S SCHOOL

Was the upper room, approached by two flights of steps.

# *THE DIARY*

## *Of Samuel Teedon,*

17 OCTOBER 1791 TO 2 FEBRUARY 1794.

**Edited by**

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# Introduction.

The Diary of Samuel Teedon, schoolmaster of Olney will be welcomed by students of English Literature, chiefly on account of its numerous references to the poet Cowper. From 27 August 1701 to 2 February 1794—a period of 891 days—no fewer than 277 recorded letters passed between Olney and Weston, namely:

From Cowper to Teedon, 72 letters.
From Mrs. Unwin to Teedon, 17 letters.
From Teedon to Cowper, 126 letters.
From Teedon to Mrs. Unwin, 62 letters.

It gives me pleasure to say that I have been able to secure every letter of the 72 written by the Poet. They will be found in my edition of *The Correspondence of William Cowper* (Hodder & Stoughton).

Samuel Teedon is himself an interesting and a picturesque figure. He was neither a dunce nor a hypocrite, as uninformed writers have carelessly branded him. He was educated for the church, and could read his Testament in Greek and Latin. He had some knowledge of French and took a delight in English Literature. We may smile with Cowper at his involved and flowery English, but, seeing that he sinned in company with half the university dons of the day, we ought perhaps to regard that as a product not so much of ignorance as of execrable taste. His spelling is erratic, his grammar original, his punctuation, or rather lack of it, perplexing. In order to spare the reader, I have myself

supplied many stops. But let us not forget that we are perusing a Diary in which matter is dotted down hastily and irresponsibly. If there are plenty of mistakes there are not more than may be found in the letters of Thomas Gray.

Our information respecting Teedon is gathered from three sources (1) Cowper's Letters, (2) this Diary (3) the Manuscript Life of Teedon, written by William Soul of Olney.

Samuel Teedon, who was formerly of Bedford, seems to have come to Olney about 1775. By and by we find him living in a cottage at the junction of Dagnell Street and High Street, and earning a pittance by teaching, in the curious old building on the Market Place called the Shiel Hall.

His household included three other persons, namely his cousin Elizabeth Killingworth, familiarly "Mammy;" Mammy's son Eusebius, or "Worthy" (the Mr. Killingworth of Cowper's Letters), and Polly Taylor. "Polly," observes Mr. Soul, "called Teedon her cousin; the common sense or natural intelligence of the place called her his daughter." Eusebius Killingworth, who assisted Teedon in the school, and worked as a book-binder, was, to use Mr. Soul's words, "a beautiful penman," and "a first rate arithmetician and algebraist." If says, Mr. Soul, "the drift of the inhabitants of Olney had seconded the ability of the masters they must have had a good school." The masters "deserved a popular and flourishing establishment. Their work however was not appreciated, and in consequence they never rose above the condition of poverty." Teedon "prayed extempore every morning with his scholars, and on Thursdays delivered an exhortation to them."

In a letter to Newton, dated 25 Feb. 1781, Cowper speaks of the tediousness of Teedon's discourse. "He has just left us after a long visit, the greatest part of which he spent in the narration of a certain detail of facts that might have been compressed into a much smaller compass"—"You know how scrupulously nice he is in the choice of his expression; an exactness that soon becomes very inconvenient both to speaker and hearer."

There is also an amusing reference to him in the letter of 7 February 1785, in which Teedon is described as having felicitated himself on being connected with a man "of genius and ability" such as Cowper was. The speech says

Cowper "made the sweat gush out on my forehead. So much was I delighted with the delicacy of that incense." Thus Cowper at first regarded Teedon as somewhat of a bore, though a worthy and a decidedly amusing one. But both he and Mrs. Unwin sympathised with Teedon. They pitied and often relieved his poverty; and as for his weaknesses—his vanity and obtrusiveness—they good naturedly got what amusement they could out of them and troubled no further.

Teedon, a not uncommon product of the Evangelical movement, had got it into his head that he was especially favoured by Providence, and, extraordinary to say, Teedon's belief, by and by, came to be shared by Cowper, with the result that, by degrees, the refined and gifted poet got to regard the vain and eccentric schoolmaster as a kind of Delphic oracle. Cowper had seen visions, dreamed dreams, and heard voices.* Teedon in like manner received, as he took them to be, revelations from God. But there was this difference; Cowper believed himself a man whom God abhorred; Teedon regarded himself as Heaven's special favourite. Consequently, whenever in doubt, Cowper had recourse to Teedon. That Teedon was sincere in his convictions we have no reason to doubt. He endeavoured to use his influence for the poet's good, urging him to keep continually occupied, encouraging him to be frequent in prayer, and assuring him that God in His own time would remove the terrible burden. For example it was owing mainly to Teedon that Cowper undertook the editing of Milton, and that he was persuaded to make the journey to Eartham.

Teedon commenced to write his Diary on Oct. 17th 1791. After his death it seems to have got into the possession of the Johnson family; then for many years it was lost. It was discovered in 1890, by Mr. W. J. Harvey, of Champion Hill, S.W. and passed subsequently into the hands of Mr. W. H. Collingridge, who, on Cowper Centenary Day (25 April 1900) presented it to the Cowper Museum at Olney, where it is now preserved.

* Those who wish to know more about the subject of Clair-audience or the hearing of voices, with special reference to the case of Cowper, should consult the series of able articles in "The General Practitioner" for 1900, from the pen of Dr. Barker Smith.

It is a small volume, 6 inches by $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches, containing 122 pages closely written in a neat and minute hand. As we turn over its soiled yellow leaves the little world in which Cowper lived and moved becomes rehabilitated. "The Squire" and "Mad^m." (Cowper and Mrs. Unwin), are the central figures, but, their abode being Weston, they are only rarely seen in Olney, though now and then they take tea with their new friend, the Rev. James Bean, at the Vicarage. We see Teedon—a spare man—in quasi-clerical costume of blue coat and black waistcoat and breeches trudging up Overs Hill towards the Lodge. say to receive his money; for the poet thanks to the beneficence of an unknown friend, is able to allow him as much as £7/10/- per quarter—a sum which, considering the modest total his pupils' pence amount to, is a small fortune. We see Teedon another day approaching Weston on a very different errand. "The Squire" has heard voices, whether from God or from the devil he is uncertain, and he wishes to consult the man favoured by Heaven. Teedon's face is serious this time, and it is evident that before setting out he had wrestled long in prayer.

The voices heard by Cowper usually caused distress, but not always, as witness the letter to Teedon of 16 Oct. 1792: "On Sunday, while I walked with Mrs. Unwin and my cousin "(Johnson)" in the orchard, it pleased God to enable me once more to approach Him in prayer, and I prayed silently for everything that lay nearest my heart with a considerable degree of liberty. Nor did I let slip the occasion of praying for you. This experience I take to be a fulfilment of those words: 'The ear of the Lord is open to them that fear Him, and He will hear their cry.'"

Upon receiving a communication which seemed to come from God Teedon would at once write to Cowper, and the poet thus replies to one of these:—

"Dear Sir, in your last experience, extraordinary as it was, I found nothing presumptuous. God is free to manifest Himself, both in manner and measure, as he pleases; and to you He is pleased to manifest himself uncommonly in both."

Other figures which rise before us as we turn these pages are the Rev. John Newton, the Rev. Thomas Scott, Hannah

Willson—pretty, spoilt, vain and abominably extravagant "Miss" Hannah — Cowper's protégée, Dick Coleman brought as a lad by Cowper from St. Albans, Sam Roberts, (Cowper's faithful man), Thomas Kitchener ("Kitch" the gardener), the Rev. John Sutcliff one of the founders of the Baptist Missionary Society, Dr. Carey the distinguished Missionary, and the Rev. Thomas Hillyard, Minister of the Independent Meeting.

The Diary closes on 2 February 1794.

Cowper left Weston for Norfolk 14 July 1795.

Teedon died, after a night's illness, early in June 1798, and was buried in Olney churchyard on June 9th.

Mammy lived till 1807 and was buried on Dec. 5th of that year.

Early in the next year (18 April 1808) Eusebius Killingworth and Polly Taylor were married. Both were between fifty and sixty.

Mrs. Killingworth was buried at Olney 19 Nov. 1817, Mr. Killingworth, who died at the age of 77, on 24 Feb. 1828. It is pleasing to add that to their descendants Fortune proved kind.

William Soul, Teedon's biographer, was a designer of lace patterns and lived at Olney, where he died on Friday March 3rd, 1865. He was an intelligent, thoughtful man, a close observer of nature, "something of an artist and something of a poet."

THOMAS WRIGHT.

*Cowper School,*
*Olney, Bucks.*
1 *Jan.* 1902.

## THE TEEDON AND KILLINGWORTH FAMILIES.

SAMUEL TEEDON.
Schoolmaster of Olney, Writer of this Diary. Buried at Olney, 9 June 1798.

ELIZABETH KILLINGWORTH.
The *Mammy* of this Diary. Buried at Olney, 5 Dec. 1807.

POLLY TAYLOR, mar. 18 April 1808, EUSEBIUS KILLINGWORTH.
The *Polly* of this Diary. The *Worthy* of this Diary.

ELIZA. = JOHN. = SARAH.
Dau. of Thomas Aspray, the apothecary who lived next door to Cowper's House at Olney.
Dau. of James Andrews, Cowper's *Michael Angelo*, the Mr. Andrews of this Diary.

THOMAS.
Baptist Minister.

WILLIAM.
A watchmaker of Olney.

MARY=THOMAS SULMAN.

THOMAS SULMAN.
Died 1901.

# Teedon's Diary.

*O! Christi fave meis inceptis.*

1791.

**Oct. 17.** M.—W. Bedford came to school. I sent my letter to Mad[m][1] Polly Smith drank tea. Mr. Perry, of Wollerston, offered me W[m] Perry as a boarder, but I, after mature consideration, refused him.

,, **18.** Lady Hesketh came to Weston.

, **19.** Mr. Bean[2] came about 10 of the clock to school to offer in Mr. Thornton's[3] name the Schoolmastership to the Colony of Sierra Leon[e]. I told him I would consider of it. This I informed my cousins of, & because I did not immediately reject it, a most terrible scene followed. He came again to school & read the letters Mr. Thornton & Mr. Newton[4] writ to induce him to accept the chaplainship. This was at 4 of the clock. I gave him a positive denial on the score of the climate, yet this did not allay the ferment occasioned. I went to Mr. Sutcliff's meet[g].[5]

,, **20.** T.—Mammy[6] most sadly all this day & all disturbed. I writ to Mr. Bat by Rogers to pay him the ½ guinea.

,, **21.** F.—The Statute to-day. I kept school till 3. The girls came to school in the eve.

[1] Mrs. Unwin.
[2] Rev. James Bean, vicar of Olney.
[3] The Russia merchant, friend of Cowper and Newton.
[4] Rev. John Newton.
[5] Rev. John Sutcliff, Baptist Minister.
[6] Elizabeth Killingworth, Teedon's "cousin."

1791.

**Oct. 22.** S.—I re$^{d}$ my money of Mrs. Cobb 13$^{s}$ & reckoned with Mrs. Morgan. M. Smith[1] called me to tell me my School[2] would be pulled down, &c. I replied I was glad of it if they would build me another, &c.

,, **23.** S.—I went to see Lady Hesket[h] who kindly presented me with a g[uinea]. I called & drank a glass wine with Mr. Bartle Higgins[3] & we came to of church together. I informed Mr. Hardwick of the pull$^{g}$ down of Shill Hall, &c. Mrs. Morgan stopped me to take George to meet$^{g}$, but he obstinately refused. I resolved not to intermeddle. The boy got the victory. I informed the mother & told her it was her own fault, &c.

,, **24.** M.—Rec$^{d}$ my Quarterage, &c., of Mr. J. Perry. Heard from the Sandy gard[e]ner [that] Mr. Berridge[4] was incapable of preaching, being infirm in memory & deaf. &c. Polly Perry came to school in the ev[e]ning. I writ to Mad$^{m}$ my notice of Sunday.

,, **25.** Mr. Abrahams' Edward came to school. Payed the 1$^{d}$ for my head to the court. Polly[5] & Mammy went down to Bet Stow's. I had a doz. of copy books of Mr. Abrahams & a quire of paper. I sent in my bill to Mr. Swannel.

,, **26.** Mrs. Swannel called & payed 12/6. I payed my rent. Writ to Mad$^{m}$ & put in that the boy was not payed for the carriage.

,, **27.** Sam$^{l}$ Roberts[6] came & delivered a message from

[1] Maurice Smith.
[2] The Shiel Hall on Olney Market Place.
[3] Mr. Bartholomew Higgins, of Weston, the friend of Scott the Commentator.
[4] Rev. John Berridge, the distinguished Evangelical vicar of Everton, Beds. He died 22 Jan. 1793.
[5] Mary Taylor, who lived at Teedon's. His "cousin."
[6] Cowper's man-servant.

1791.

**Oct.** Mad$^{m}$ desiring, in future, no letters should be sent but by Mary,[1] &c. Mammy much disturbed at it. I writ a letter desiring a line in ans$^{r}$ which she sent by Kitch.[2]

,, **28.** I writ to Mad$^{m}$. Mary called for it.

,, **29.** Polly & Worthy[3] went to see Mr. York. Mrs. Cobb, the exciseman's wife, called to take leave of us, which she did most tenderly & christianly. Mrs. Grindon[4] invited me & mine, very cordially, to visit us [her].

,, **30.** I & Polly went in the morn to Weston church, there being no service here. We did not call upon Mad$^{m}$. Sam$^{l}$ came in the afternoon to know if I had anything. But I had not writ. We had church in the eve. Mr. Bean told us, from the pulpit, he did not hold himself bound to preach in the eve because he did not preach in the morn. But to give opportunity to some poor creatures to come out in the dark to hear him, who were ashamed to come because of want of cloth[es] in the day time, whom he addressed, &c.

,, **31.** M.—Rob$^{t}$ York & Tho$^{s}$ came to school. I writ to Mad$^{m}$. Polly, & Worthy, & Mammy, went to get privet berries & slon.[5]

**Nov. 1.** T.—I re$^{d}$ a note from Mad$^{m}$. Went to look of [at] a nest of drawers at Rob$^{t}$ Andrews, Asked 5/- I bid 4/- & Polly & Worthy went down to see Bet Stow's drawers because he was so slow.

[1] Mary Andrew, Mrs. Unwin's servant.
[2] Thomas Kitchener, Cowper's gardener.
[3] Eusebius Killingworth, who lived with Teedon. Son of "Mammy." Often referred to in Cowper's letters. Among his several occupations was that of bookbinding.
[4] Niece of Lady Austen, and wife of Mr. George Grindon, the surgeon. Her maiden name was Anne Green.
[5] Sloes, still called slons in Bucks.

1791.

**Nov. 2.** Minzy met Worthy & told him they had sent a bundle to bind to Northampton.

,, **3.** I had a dream of catching a fine dace. Had the girls' feast. I called upon Rogers who was in London last week. Jacky Higgins called when the girls were here and eat of the cake. S. Brightmans, Hugh[e]s, Nicholls, Perry, Peers, Tompkins, Peggy Morgan. I went to church.

,, **5.** I went to York's for the sample[r]. R. Andrews brought the drawers, price 4$^{s}$. J. Higgins came in. Mammy would have said something unto him about the Hall, which I stopped, this produced bad consequences, she took it so ill. W. Smith's windows, & Coles', broke, because they set out no light.[1] The Mob triumphed over both, tho' Coles was constable.

,, **6.** Mad$^{m}$ sent the fourth time & I did not write, Mammy being so alarmingly ill. I fetched wine from Drake's, a pint of red, which not being right, I went to Morgan's for a bottle of Mountain. I writ to Mad$^{m}$ & promised to write again. I alone at church & sacrament at Mr. Sutcliff's.

,, **7.** M.—J. Brook came to-day. Wm. Abrahams, G. Raban. Mammy very ill.

,, **8.** Maria Nicholls payed me her Quarterage.

,, **9.** Mr. Timings came & payed Jemmy's Quarter & said he must come by the week. I writ to Mad$^{m}$. Sally Dumvill came & stayed two hours in the eve.

,, **10.** I re$^{d}$ a note from Mad$^{m}$ of Mr. Cowper's[2]

[1] In Olney, folk who set out no light on "Guy Fawkes' day" used to be insulted by the mob.

[2] The Poet, who then resided at Weston.

1791.

**Nov.** having three good nights & four good days. I writ an ans$^{r}$.

,, **12.** I went & gathered the buckthorn berries. Mr. Bean called, pretended he wanted to know the best Arithmetic. Worthy told him we used nine or ten, &c., he said he'd call again.

,, **13.** I writ to Mad$^{m}$. At church twice. Polly & I & Worthy in the after-noon.

,, **14.** R. Peters came to school. I went to Andrews,[1] the painter's, about some paint, & staying two hours occasioned some uneasiness. Went to bed as usual but called up in the night before I got to sleep by Polly being taken in fits which continued very violent all the night.

,, **15.** I rec$^{d}$ a letter from Mad$^{m}$ in answer to one of mine hinting I should be glad to drink a cup of tea, &c., by reciting a question put to me about Mr. C., but she put it off till December 1$^{st}$.

,, **16.** H. Brittol died suddenly just getting from work. Took ill & never spoke more. I went to Mr. Sutcliff's meeting. I went to M$^{rs}$ Andrews for verjuice for Polly's strained wrist.

,, **17.** Mad$^{m}$ sent every day for an answer, but I would not send one yet.

,, **19.** I writ[2] to-day.

,, **20.** I re$^{d}$ a note from Mad$^{m}$.

,, **21.** I writ yesterday's experience, a very happy one.

[1] James Andrews, a local artist and sculptor, Cowper's drawing-master. The carving on nearly all the old stones in the churchyard is by him.

[2] To Mrs. Unwin.

1791.

**Nov. 22.** Rec'd a note[1] very sorrowful, a woeful night.

,, **23.** Rec'd a note to-day of a good night, &c.

,, **24.** I writ to Mad$^{m}$. Sam$^{l}$ Sharman called to see me, who had been near six years in Jamaica. I called upon H. Smith's Grand$^{r}$ who found fault, but I convinced her she was mistaken, &c., & drank a glass of wine. Polly turned away the two Andrews yesterday on their mother's finding fault.

,, **26.** Worthy carried the sample[r] to Mr. York's. The frame cost 18$^{d}$, the glass 2/8. J. Higgins called on us. I writ to Mr. Newton about the subscription to pull down the school. Mr. Bean came to my house & writ a direction, S. Thornton, Esq$^{r}$ M.B., London. Worthy car$^{d}$ up the sampler to York's.

,, **27.** All of us at church. In the afternoon at Mr. Sutcliff's. H. Wadsworth's funeral.

,, **28.** I payed Andrews 10$^{d}$ for 1¼ [lbs.] of paint. I returned Mr. Bean's daughter's book & told him I thought it was either Vyse's or Hill's. T. Church of Warrington came for a certificate.

,, **29.** I writ the certificate and charged 1$^{s}$. Britain, I found by Church, charged 18$^{d}$. Rec'd a note from Mad$^{m}$.

,, **30.** I kept school till 3 of the clock. Had 13. Writ.

**Dec. 1.** I went & rec'd 6 guineas of Mad$^{m}$ who kindly informed me Mr. C. & she would settle £30 upon me yearly during their life & my life. For this I will bless & praise. Mr. York drank tea with us.

[1] From Mrs. Unwin or the Poet.

1791.

**Dec. 2.** Mammy & Polly went & paid Cuthbertson for soap & paper.

,, **3.** My cousins paid Mr. Grindon's Bill. I went down to Billy Raban to tell him we had not room in our pew for Wm. Perry, &c. I called upon Harris & borrowed *Fenning*. I writ to Mad$^{m}$, & two letters to London, to Fearn & Jackson & to Avory for leather, to the other for leaf gold.[1]

,, **4.** I & Polly r'c'd the Holy Sacrament twice. In the eve at Mr. Sutcliff's.

,, **5.** I sent my letter to Mad$^{m}$ & my bill to Brightman. And I went notwithstanding to intimate the necessity of reprehension, &c.

,, **7.** I writ to Mad$^{m}$; rec'd the *Odyssey*. I had asked for the *Lives of the Poets*. I went and carried a mill-board to Mr. Bean & charged 4½$^{d}$, it was the thinest.

,, **8.** I car$^{d}$ home *Fenning* to Harris's, who told me five writs were come by the 5 of Nov$^{r}$ uproar. Clayson was there who came up the town with me & invited me to call on him when I came [to] Lavendon.

,, **9.** Mrs. Swannel & her maid drank tea. While here my cousin[2] went out in a great storm of hail; when she went to bed, was seized with a shiver$^{g}$ & so continued. I, & Worthy, was up all night in doing what we could to relieve her.

,, **10.** My Cousin abed all day till eve when an alarm of Fire raised her up out of bed & she got up & continued so till bedtime tho' very ill. I had 3 pints of port.

[1] For Worthy's bookbinding.
[2] "Mammy."

1791.

**Dec. 11.** I went to church; it was kept in the chancel. Jacky Higgins called. My Cousin better upon the whole, but did not arise till 4 of the clock. Mrs. Rose came to see us. I writ my letter to Mad$^{m}$.

,, **12.** My Cousin better to-day but could not get up before 4 of the clock. The leaf gold came down from London, & the prices of leaf silver by Rogers.

,, **13.** My poor Cousin very ill indeed. I greatly alarmed by the swelling of her leg. I rec$^{d}$ a note from Mad$^{m}$ of an ill night.

,, **14.** My fears more increased to-day than ever.

,, **15.** I re$^{d}$ the leather, & pay 6/4 for gold and £1.3.0 for the leather. My Cousin took some senna & is, I hope, something better. The Lord continue it.

,, **16.** My Cousin, I hope, something better.

,, **17.** Mr. Higgins told us, in the eve, Mrs. Unwin was taken ill in the morn with a dizziness. I went & got Kitchener to go over. She sent me word down she could not see me now. Mr. Cowper came to me & told me how she was taken, &c. I related my state of mind. "At even-time it shall be light."

,, **18.** I went over this morn. As soon as I went I was had up to see her, & prayed. Called upon Mr. Higgins & returned with a thankful heart to find Mad$^{m}$ better, & my Cousin too. Mrs. Peer died at 9 of the clock.

,, **20.** Worthy & I up all night with Polly, taken very dreadfully with her fits & nothing did good, but wine at last stopped it, as we hoped, but we were sadly disappointed.

1791.

**Dec. 21.** This day my poor Polly had a return of her fits all day; did not get up till I was coming from Charles Morgan's burial. Mr. Cowper answered in the kindest manner the letter I writ yesterday & sent to-day, & had the happiness to find Mad$^{m}$ much better & come down.

,, **22.** Mr. Gardner came for red ink to school. Mrs. Smith of Yardley set us eight fine apples. I writ to Mad$^{m}$ to-day. Mr. Hale[1] sent likewise a basket of apples.

,, **23.** I writ to the Esq$^{r}$.[2]

,, **24.** I went & had the pleasure of praying for Mad$^{m}$ & find$^{g}$ her much better. Called upon Mr. Higgins, who walked to Olney with me.

,, **25.** I went all this day to Mr. Sutcliff's meet$^{g}$ &, being Christmas Day, there was a collection in the afternoon. I gave 3$^{d}$. I writ to the Esq$^{r}$.

,, **27.** I rc$^{d}$ a note from the Esq$^{r}$ in ans$^{r}$ to my letter, & Mad$^{m}$ is better. I met Sam$^{l}$ as I was going to Weston, & came back. Sent Mrs. Millar's prayer-book by him, bound in blue & gilt, charged 18$^{d}$

,, **28.** I went over to see Mad$^{m}$, prayed by her, &c. Jacky Higgins called. I went & heard Mr. Sutcliff.

,, **29.** J. Perkins called. Bought Mammy a y$^{d}$ of flannel 16$^{d}$, to wrap up her leg. She continues, I hope, mending. The Lord be praised. Ashburner sent his book to be bound. I bought 12 yds. of sheet$^{g}$ of Mr. Andrews 19$^{d}$ per yd., 11$^{s}$ due. He gave Worthy two aprons.

[1] Of Emberton.
[2] The Poet Cowper.

1791.

**Dec. 30.** I went over to see Mad$^{m}$ & prayed, &c. She gave me 3$^{s}$ to bestow on K. Green. Mr. Sutcliff smoked a pipe with us.

,, **31.** I got some of the blue dy[e]ing tincture of Mrs. Dumvile, & she gave me a plate of roast beef. I went & car$^{d}$ home Gurnal's *Christian Armoury* to Mr. Andrews.

*O Christi fave meis inceptis.*

1792.

**Jan. 1.** I went to see Mad$^{m}$ & prayed with her. Mr. C. sent word, in an$^{r}$ to her [my] desire of see$^{g}$ him, he was going out directly. In conversation she said these notices raised expectations which were not ans$^{d}$. I took my leave, and went down, & got out, but stopped & returned back. At the door Sam$^{l}$ asked me to go into the study. There, to my astonishment, I found Mr. C. who desired me to sit down. I told him the cause of my stay. He was civil but I had no power to speak a word of comfort, and came away very heavy in mind reflecting on it.

,, **2.** Mr. Cuthbertson sent 16 oysters. Billy Bannister came to school. I went & heard Mr. Bean on "Flee youthful lusts." Five of the girls came in the night-school. I was very heavy all the day reflecting on the events at Weston yesterday.

,, **3.** Lucy & Polly & Nanny York drank tea with us. Mr. Chater borrowed *E. Bently.* Mr. Hillyard[1] preached from *Jeremiah* 3. "Wilt not thou call me my Father," &c.

,, **4.** Mr. Sutcliff from *Tim.*, "Consider what I say & the Lord give thee understanding." The girls came before 5. I kept school in like manner last night.

,, **5.** I heard Mad$^{m}$ came downstairs to-day, but I heard nothing from them. I went to Hull who was not at home.

,, **6.** I sent my order to London, to Green.

[1] Minister of the Independent Meeting.

1792.

**Jan. 7.** I wrote to Mad$^{m}$, this being the only week since our correspondence in which I have not writ. Mr. York came to invite us to see him to-day.

,, **8.** I & Polly rec$^{d}$ the Holy Sacrament. Mrs. Rose & Babby came, drank tea. I went to Mr. Sutcliff's meet$^{g}$. I writ to Mad$^{m}$.

,, **9.** I rec$^{d}$ from the Esq. a letter, a very short one, inform$^{g}$ me Mad$^{m}$ was very much on the mend$^{g}$ hand. I heard by Fisher Mrs. Peer was ill with a sore throat.

,, **11.** Mr. York presented us with a fine plate of chine.

,, **12.** No church to-night, Mr. Bean hav$^{g}$ a cold. I writ to Esq$^{r}$.

,, **14.** Mr. York came to invite us up to see them. We went, and Miss Mason & Abrahams' daughter.

,, **15.** There being no service at church, Mr. Bean preaching at Weston this morn, I went to Mr. Sutcliff's all the day. They gather$^{d}$ for sweeping the meeting. I gave 2$^{d}$. The severe frost broke this day with a most agreeable thaw. The Lord be praised!

,, **17.** I went down to Mr. Hillyard's meet$^{g}$. I re$^{d}$ a Note in very kind manner [from Cowper] inform$^{g}$ me Mrs. Unwin mended every day something, and yesterday walked in the orchard walk for the first time. I went to Hull's & was desired to come to-morrow.

,, **19.** Mr. Peer called to pay me & I was not at home. I set myself to write to Mad$^{m}$ & sent it by her. Sally brought the money and Hull called to pay the money promised, [£] 2/15/8. Rec$^{d}$ the parcel from London, from Mr. Green, & the tools [for Worthy's bookbinding.]

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**Jan. 21.** Mr. Bean came & brought me a g[uinea] just after I had car$^{d}$ Watts's *Psalms & Hymns* bound & gilt, for which I charged Mr. Limbry 14$^{d}$.

,, **22.** I went to church twice, and in the eve to Mr. Sutcliff's meet$^{g}$. Writ to Mad$^{m}$.

,, **23.** I sent my letter [to Mrs. Unwin].

,, **24.** At Mrs. Andrews' who told me she heard Socket's goods would be sold by appraisement and one of the Hales were to purchase.

,, **25.** At Mr. Sutcliff's meet$^{g}$.

, **26.** I writ to-day to Mad$^{m}$. No church, Mr. Bean, going to London for a fortnight. I went down to Harris's.

,, **27.** I re$^{d}$ a letter from Mr. C[owper] informing me Mrs U[nwin] still mended in her health & that he was thankful to God he had enjoyed good nights from the 13 ins, which he thought expedited Mad$^{m's}$ recovery. Had a pint of Lisbon.

,, **28** I had the *Treatise on the Lute* of Mr. Aspenar, drank with him & had a pair of sleeves for Worthy & two remnants of flannel for a waist-coat.

,, **29.** I & Polly & Worthy at church. I writ my letter to Mad$^{m}$. Went down to Mr. Hillyard's meet$^{g}$. Mr. R. with us.

,, **30.** I praise the name of the Lord for this day. Mr. Swannell called & payed the Qr. 15s, & I desire to thank the Lord for unspeakable gift which I joyfully commemorate on this day.

**Feb. 4.** I went over, saw Mad$^{m}$, prayed, called upon Miss Higgins & came home.

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**Feb. 5.** I went to Weston with Peggy Moran [Morgan] to hear Mr. Armstrong of London, & car$^{d}$ my letter but stayed only to deliver it.

,, **9.** I writ to-day to Mad$^{m}$.

,, **10.** I re$^{d}$ this day a most mournful letter from the Esq$^{r}$, declaring his firm belief. God was his enemy & not Satan. I was overwhelmed with grief & sorrow.

,, **11.** I went over to Weston, re$^{d}$ 10$^{s}$ of Mr. Minzy. Car$^{d}$ a letter, met the Esq$^{r}$, who told me he had a better night, came in before I left Mad$^{m}$, prayed while he was present, beckoned Mad$^{m}$ out, told her to promote my peace to take of[f] the interdict of her serv$^{ts}$, &c., as a christian, but I thought without any effect.

,, **12.** I being at Mr. Bean's, who was very ill w$^{h}$ a pain in his head, Mr. Stokes came in to go to Weston, but there being nobody to accompany him home, Mr. Bean sleeping at Weston, I went w$^{h}$ him to bare him company.

,, **13.** To my great joy, & no less surprize, H[annah] Willson[1] called in to see us. I looked [on it] with pleasure, think$^{g}$ it a proof of attention to what I said.

,, **17.** I went down to Harris's.

,, **18.** I went to Mad$^{m}$, prayed, called upon Miss Higgins & brought home a basket of pears & Jacky came with me, brought t[he] Mag[azine].

,, **19.** Had church in the morn, but only Prayers, & a Sermon in the afternoon, Mr. Bean being ill.

[1] Cowper's protegèe.

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**Feb. 20.** J. Goddard came to school again.

,, **26.** We all were at church in the afternoon & Polly had on her new gown.

**Mar. 1.** I went over in the time of 5 of the clock to Mad$^{m}$, rec$^{d}$ a b[ank]-n[ote]. Called on Mr. Higgins, brought home a basket of pears.

,, **2.** Mr. Andrews & his party went to the Sessions about the 5 of Nov$^{r}$. [uproar], & in the eve was ringing and a bonfire & Maurice [Smith] & Coles burnt in effigy.

,, **4.** Polly & Mammy & I re$^{d}$ the Holy Sacrament.

,, **6.** I went over to take leave of my Lady,[1] but I found by Mad$^{m}$ it was a needless thing. I told her she desired it herself & thought it necessary. I was much dejected when I came home by my reception.

,, **8.** I writ to-day. Chater used me very ill, & his wife, for beating Charles. I went to church. The petition against the Slave Trade was brought by Bean, Sutcliff & Hillyard to be signed.

,, **9.** Sam$^{l}$ & Han$^{h}$ [Willson] called to-day. Worthy very ill all day & did not come to school.

,, **10.** I went to Mad$^{m}$, prayed with Mrs. Peers, who appears not long for this world. Mr. Cowper came in. I met Mr. Bean com$^{g}$ home. Mrs. Roybythorn died at 12 of the clock at night, taken ill while at dinner & never spoke more. Polly & Worthy went to Mr. York's. Mr. J. Higgins called. I went to Mr. S. Chater's & related his bro$^{r's}$ behaviour.

[1] Lady Hesketh.

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**Mar. 11.** All of us at church in the afternoon. I went in the morn to Mr. Sutcliff's. In the morn & eve young Talbot read prayers.

,, **12.** Mr. Timings called to tell us he would send James to-morrow. Polly Smith called & Han$^{h}$ Willson.

,, **13.** James Timings came to School. Maurice Smith & Andrews went by special warrant before the Justice w$^{h}$ Hillyard &c. I went to Mrs. Andrews & came into a roomful assembled. She apologised for not rec$^{g}$ me then.

N.B.—I found afterwards to my great surprize this meet$^{g}$ was by desire on acc$^{t}$ of the lawsuit & not a church one.

,, **14.** I writ to Mad$^{m}$.

,, **15.** Mr. Bean preached. Mr. Roybythorn's funeral. I called upon Chater to reckon but he was not at home.

,, **16.** I went to W$^{m}$ Smith, malster, stayed an hour.

,, **17.** I went to Mad$^{m}$, she desired me to pray for Mrs. Peers, which I did, & admitted only in the servants' hall & saw not Mr. Cowper. Mr. Rose[1] was with him. She told me [that] this day she had hired Nanny Roberts instead of Mrs. Peers.

,, **18.** Mr. Talbott preached twice to-day. We all heard him in the afternoon, & in the eve my cousins would go to Weston to carry the Letter & see Mrs. Peers, which proved very agreeable to them & me, & proved the means of information to Sam[2] [as to] who was to preach, after they had been a full hour at Sam's house.

[1] Samuel Rose, Cowper's friend.
[2] Sam Roberts, Cowper's man-servant.

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**Mar. 19.** Wonderful as it seems, my Polly & her Mam[y] went again to Weston. Bought a yd., 13½[d] of linen, &c., at Blower's. Called on Mrs. Fowler.

,, **20.** Onions sowed to-day. My eyes very much inflamed owing to the issue not run[g]. I put yellow basilicon [Rosin Cerate] to it; it had been dry three or four days. Heard of the monster wound[g] several females at Northampton.

,, **21.** My eyes, by the arm discharging, much better. Praised be the Lord! I went to Raban's [and] Harris's, & walked in the fields.

,, **22.** My eyes that gave me so much apprehensions were so much better this day that I can but note the goodness of the Lord in it. Praised be His Holy Name! I met Mrs. Bean going to Weston, who desired me to tell her maid to go to the Clerk to let the people know there would be no service.

,, **23.** I went down & carried home Gibbons' tracts to Mr. Sutcliff, found Mr. Andrews, Mrs. Marriot & her son; discoursed about the business of the lawsuit of M. Smith, found they wished to be rid of all trouble about it. Writ to Mad[m]. My eyes much better. Sowed radishes &c. & finished the garden work.

,, **24.** I & Worthy at York's; got tyme & sage & nettles &c., but did not drink tea or eat. Drank a sup of his beer & he came to Olney with us. Mr. Higgins called & told my cousins he was going out but he would take care I should have as many pears as I could carry.

,, **25.** I writ to Mad[m] & sent it by 4 of the clock by Mary. Mrs. Rose & Stow called upon us. I went & heard a Mr. Manning of Yardley at Mr. Sutcliff's, "It shall be well with the righteous, & it shall go

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**March.** [be] ill with the wicked," *Isa.* 3, *v.* 10.

,, **26.** Betty Britain brought a book to be covered. J. Brook being very ill, & given over by the Dr of Newport, sent for me to see him by his bro^r Maler. I went & drank tea, &c. Miss C. Foster came in to see him. Hephzibah Wagstaff came to school in the eve.

,, **27.** Went to Weston for a basket of pears. Mr. Buchanan[1] came in, with whom I stayed too long & much disturbed Mammy, for which I am sorry.

,, **28.** At Mr. Sutcliff's, heard Mr. Mail from "Return unto thy rest, O my soul; [for] the Lord has [hath] dealt bountifully with thee,"—116 *Ps.* [7] These three former days Worthy so ill he could not get down to school, from the lumbago, but went down this afternoon.

,, **29.** I did not go to church. Worthy continued very ill. Bought two Dutch cheeses of Richardson, 5^d per lb.

,, **30.** I writ to-day to Mad^m. Rc^d the Quarterages of Mrs. Hughs & Tomkins & payed 3/7 for the cheeses.

,, **31.** I went to Weston, met Mad^m & Esq^r. She desired me to call on Mrs. Peers & pray by her, which I did, & called upon Mr. F. Higgins & Bartle [Higgins], brought cuttings of bays. Went to reckoning with Chater, 8/1 due. At Dropshort[2] brought up a bottle of ale.

**April 1.** I writ to Mad^m & sent it by Mary at 6 of the clock. At Mr. Sutcliff's meet^g.

[1] Rev. John Buchanan, Curate of Weston.
[2] An Inn on the Lavendon Road.

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**April 2.** I went to the prayer meet$^{g}$ at Mr. Sutcliff's. In the season of going to bed, about ½ after 10, we were alarmed with a stone flung with great violence against the street-door. Found it, as we suspected, by Handscomb. J. Richardson owned it was he that just passed by & himself. I afterwards heard Isaac tell him on the other side of the Market-place what he and we said, &c.

,, **3.** Mr. Chater came & paid me the balance 6/2½. I went to Mr. Andrews, draper, to ask his advice regarding Handscomb's insults, who said, if he might advise he would take no notice at present & unless repeated, let it pass, &c.

,, **4.** At Mr. Sutcliff's meet$^{g}$.

,, **5.** I writ to Mad$^{m}$. I went & rec$^{d}$ my Q$^{r}$ of Mr. Handscomb, who behaved very becoming, & said he was very sorry he should misbehave himself & I [he] promised he would never do the like [again] & that Mrs. Gray he had desired to clear him from the stone throw$^{g}$.

,, **6.** Polly was told by Mrs. Gray, Handscomb had been with her to clear him & she found the stone was cast by G. Mead. Polly & Mammy at Prayers in the morn & car$^{d}$ to church the Clerk's fee. I went in the eve. Worthy took very ill at school, & when I was at church more violently, so that I was sent for but met the boy com$^{g}$ from church.

,, **7.** Had a very poor night but I hope he his better.

,, **8.** I, only, rec$^{d}$ the Holy Sacrament, Polly being afraid to go, because the church was washed on Friday & Saturday. I writ to Mad$^{m}$ & sent it by Mary ["Mary" afterwards struck out in original] about 5. At Mr. Sutcliff's meet$^{g}$. Mrs. Roberts came with an invitation for me to dine w$^{h}$ Mad$^{m}$ to-mor-

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**April.** row. She drank tea with us, Sam's mother not his wife.

,, **9.** Mr. Cowper very ill indeed, but he made shift to drink tea w^h^ us. I went and dined. Mrs. & Mr. Bean & child^n^ came in to settle acc^ts^ of pay^g^ money in London, but then went away. I came home & found my people all disturbed by Lucy and Ann York's bring^g^ in two fellows who said they were cousins to York. Bab Rose knew the contrary but said nothing.

,, **10.** I went over to know of York & wife if it were true, but found they knew nothing of it. I went a second time on the same story & lost my brown handkerchief & overtook Bab [Rose] & her mother going thither. Drank tea. I & Mammy & Polly with neigh^r^ Bannister. At church, the lecture being to-night.

,, **11.** I went over to Weston, prayed, found Mr. Cowper no better. D^r^. Biggs said his illness was salutary.

,, **12.** I bought Mammy's silk cloak, 10/6, of Mr. Andrews, draper. Mr. York came in, seemed to make very light of the late affair, drank with us. Mrs Andrews of Newport called on us. My cousins all went to York's after tea & found they seemed to be afraid of Lucy. So I will leave them to themselves. Sam[1] and Han^h^[2] called.

,, **13.** Heard the Clerk was designed to be Town-clerk. Called on Mr. Sutcliff & told him. Polly Bannister & her children drank tea. Called on Mr. Chater & car^d^ some July-flower seed.

,, **14.** I went to Weston & prayed, found yesterday Mr. C. rec^d^ a letter from Mr. Hayley & he was to come

[1] Sam Roberts.
[2] Hannah Willson.

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**April.** & see them in May. Came home, & car$^{g}$ the seed of July-flower to Mrs. Bean, found Mr. Jones of Creaton there. Heard Mr. Bean was taken ill of a fever at Creaton. Stayed about an hour, first sowed the seeds, & then came home.

,, **15.** I writ my letter after Service in the afternoon, in [at] which we were all present, & then car$^{d}$ my letter & stayed till Mr. Cowper got up to tea, but I did not drink any tho' asked. I brought home a box of lace for Mrs. Pears & car$^{d}$ it to Mrs. Barnard's & informed her three times over who it came from & that it was of value.

,, **16.** Peter Travil, Han$^{h}$ Brooks came to school, & Maria Palmer came to speak about Caroline who came in the evening-school. Much mortified in hear$^{g}$ Hull's boys were to go to Ravenstone after I had done so well by them.

,, **17.** I went to enquire after Mr. Bean. Found Mrs. B. She had heard he was better. I writ to Mad$^{m}$.

,, **19.** I writ to Mad$^{m}$ & requested the other vol. of the *Lives of the Poets* yesterday.

,, **20.** Writ to Mad$^{m}$.

,, **21.** Rec$^{d}$ the volume by Griggs. Mr. Higgins called. I went down to Harris's, who gave me eight apples. I went to see if Mr. Bean was come home & while there Mr. Jones & Miss came home & brought a letter from Mr. Bean, who was, he said, much better, & would preach 2 [twice] at Creaton.

,, **22.** Mrs. Fallet died this morn. I writ to Mad$^{m}$.

,, **23.** Mary Abraham came in the night-school. Polly & Ann York came.

,, **24.** I went to Hull's, the boy tell$^{g}$ my boys in the

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**April.** street to end the business. Hull told me he should [send] them out of Town, &c. I went & told W^m^ Smith, who said it was hard, &c. Mrs. Fallet buried not till 10 of the clock, expect^g^ Mr. Bean, who did not come. So no Minister, but Mr. T. Raban, senr., who said a word or two at the grave.

,, **25.** L. Lord came again. I writ to-day to Mad^m^. Mr. Bean came home. I went to see him, found him not yet well.

,, **26.** I went to Mr. Higgins & brought home plenty of box, which we set in the garden, & reserved the rest for York.

,, **27.** I called on Mr. Bean, who I found with Mr. [Mrs.] B. were gone to Weston.

,, **28.** Called on Mr. Bean, whom I found in the garden & brought home a cutting, which Worthy set, of Italian broom. I went over, car^d^ the 3 vol. of the *Life* [*Lives*] *of the Poets*, & drank tea with Mr. Bean, Mr. Cowper and Mrs. Unwin.

,, **29.** I writ to Mad^m^, a sweet day's experience. G. Randall came, found his mas^t^, Hardwick was dead & left the worst of characters behind him. I gave him my great-coat & buckles, & Worthy [gave him] a waist-coat, & prayer book for Steven, in which I wrote his name & Luther's distich.

,, **30.** Mrs. Swannell came, drank tea, with her maid, & paid the bill 12/6 due the 24[th].

**May 1.** Mrs. Banjamb, Han^h's^ aunt, and her little sister, came to see her, Mrs. Pakes called. I went with my bill to Hull's, as the boys went yesterday to Ravenstone. He said he could not pay me for want of money, but would in a few days.

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**May 2.** I writ to Mad$^{m}$ much exercised by the two Hulls going. Willson called me in and desired his boy should be set more & kept stricter in tasks, &c.

,, **3.** Car$^{d}$ the watch to Mr. Abrahams'. The spring he found was broke & showed it me & lent me another in its room. Mammy & Polly went to Weston to see Mrs. Peers & found, as she expected Jane Morgan & E. & D. Brightman, after we had tea, & car$^{d}$ a letter, but saw not Mad$^{m}$. I went & car$^{d}$ a cloak & met them just com$^{g}$ up the lane by Morley's house.

,, **5.** I went to Weston & drank tea but never heard more horrible declarations from Mr. C[owper] at no time. I prayed with Mrs. Peers unasked, & then came away with a very heavy heart. I brought the 4 vol. of the *Lives of the Poets*. And went to Mr. Bean's for the Mag[azine].

,, **6.** I writ to Mad$^{m}$, & all of us at church, & Polly, Mammy, & I rec$^{d}$ the Holy Sacrament.

,, **7.** I went to Hull's & rc$^{d}$ 14/6 duc [deducting] 6$^{s}$/6$^{d}$ which he would not pay till he had asked Mr. Bean to whom I referred.

,, **8.** I rc$^{d}$ 16$^{s}$/2$^{d}$ of Mr. Hardwick for E. & M. Perry. Payed my rent this eve, & for a slate.

,, **9.** C. Chater came for his own & bro$^{r's}$ books. I went to Mr. Sutcliff's meet$^{g}$. Sally Dumvile came to tell us A. Posthlethwait was there. My Couz [cousin] said if he did not come & see me he unchristianed himself. I went to Smith's (W$^{m}$.) [the [malster].

,, **10.** I went to church to the lecture.

,, **12.** I called on Mrs. Bean & watered the July-flowers,[1] & on Mrs. Chater & Mrs. Harris.

[1] Gillyflower or Wallflower.

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**May 13.** Worthy very ill to-day with the headache, so that he could not go out. I went to Weston with my letter, overtook Mrs. Bean going to Miss H[iggins]. I went to the Esq$^{r}$, drank tea, mentioned the efforts Mr. Bean made in the Collection for the abolis$^{g}$ the slave trade. Mr. Cowper sent a Guinea by me for it.

,, **14.** I went & reasoned with R. Andrews & M. Smith on taking due precaution to present danger of infection of canine madness, &c. Mr. Sutcliff smoaked a pipe with me. I car$^{d}$ the Guinea of Mr. Cowper to Mr. Bean & gave it to him in the Churchyard.

,, **15.** Gave Mr. Sutcliff flowers & plants out of the Garden. Mr. Andrews brought the ladies diaries to be bound.

,, **16.** I went & car$^{d}$ to Mr. Bean 2$^{s}$ collected from my day & evening school to be put into the Collection. I writ to Mad$^{m}$. Went to Mr. Sutcliff's meeting.

,, **18.** The Miss Brightmans paid their Q$^{r}$ & 2 weeks, & so we parted in peace. Sam$^{l}$ called, & Han$^{h}$ refused to come in at the invitation of my cousin. I planted the Daisies in Mr. Bean's garden.

,, **19.** I went to Weston, drank tea with Mr. Hayley who came to Weston last Tuesday. I ventured to produce Pindar[1]. He said I had made bustling work & put all things in motion & the ans$^{r}$ was clever. The Lord give his blessing on it, for it was I fear too precipitate. My cousin went to Dropshort.

,, **20.** All of us at church in the afternoon. I went in the eve to take leave of Mr. Bean who with his Son & Daughter were to go to London To-morrow.

[1] Teedon had written an attack on Peter Pinder (Dr. Wolcot) who had written a poem on the King's visit to Whitbread's brewery.

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**May 21.** At Mr. Sutcliff's meeting. And to Mrs Bean to take leave of him who with Son & Daug$^{r}$ were to go to London. He was not in the way.

,, **22.** I went to Mr. Hillyard's meet$^{g}$ & heard a long & tedious discourse without comfort from a stranger.

,, **23.** Mary Andrew came in about 5 & told us Mrs. Unwin was taken ill last night with a stroke of the Palsy yesterday eve. ½ an hour afterwards I rec$^{d}$ a note from the Esq$^{r}$ desiring me to pray for them but not to come up that night.

,, **24.** I went to Weston, but first writ a Letter & waited to see if any tydings came & then I went over just at the time Mad$^{m}$ was car$^{d}$ into the parlour to be electrified. Found they had some hopes of her recover$^{g}$ speech, &c., & some use of her hand & thigh. Mr. Cowper came to me in the study. I stayed but little while. Called at Higgins's & found Mrs. Bean there. And coming home heard Mr. Grigson's[1] opinion was that there were not the least hopes of her recovery. But the Lord can help when all other help fails.

,, **26.** I set all the boys tasks. Went to Weston, had into the Hall; the Esq$^{r}$ came & asked me if I had not rec$^{d}$ a note from him. I said, no, he enquired & M. Andrews had it. I could not see Mad$^{m}$, he said she was just brought down & it would exhaust her &c., & grieve me & so I did not see her. I went to Timmings who showed me his Garden & asked me not to sit down. Mary brought me the note about 8 of the clock !

,, **27.** Mr. Berridge's curate preached to-day. I went & spent an hour with him in the Eve. I writ my Letter, but did not go up.

[1] Rev. Dr. Gregson, Roman Catholic priest at Weston.

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**May 28.** I sent my Letter in the morn by Mr. Old. The Esq$^{r}$ sent an immediate ans$^{r}$ by Sam$^{l}$ & his companion was Mr. Hayley's maid who refused to come in.

,, **29.** My cousins went to Betty Stow & drank tea & heard more than ever we knew before concerning Ravenstone School. We found he had scarce subsistence, very sickly, very sober, and gentill, very diligent, & much neglected by them &c.

,, **30.** I writ to Mad$^{m}$, sent it by Mary & re$^{d}$ a Note from the Esq$^{r}$ that Mad$^{m}$ was greatly restored, begins to set her right foot on the ground &c, & he hopes all will end well. The name of the Lord be praised.

**June 1.** I went, drank tea. Mad$^{m}$ still better but very much incapasited for converse but perfect in understand$^{g}$. She ordered Mr. C[owper] to give me the money.

,, **2.** Mr. Bean came home. My cousin payed Mr. Andrews for the cloak & Cuthbertson for Soap, &c, I was very much disturbed by inquietude.

,, **3.** I & Polly rec$^{d}$ with Mammy the H.S. I writ my Letter & went over to see Mad$^{m}$, whom I found but little better. Worthy very ill & did not go to church. Polly Smith called on us.

,, **4.** Mr. Nicholls bought Sam$^{l}$ Nicholls to school. Polly & Worthy went to drink tea with Mrs. York.

,, **5.** I writ to-day to the Esq$^{r}$. But, before he rec$^{d}$ it, he wrote me a long & sorrowful letter in deep distress, thinking to give up his work, Mad$^{m}$ being relapsed, &c. I writ an ans$^{r}$ & advised the contrary & sent it by Mr. Old.

,, **7.** I had writ to the Esq$^{r}$ to express my hope of good tydings. Before it went I rec$^{d}$ a note of good

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**June.** import & wrote a postscript & sent it by Worthy at 3 of the clock. The Esq$^{r}$. desired him to make a letter case of Mr. Hayley's invention. Polly & Worthy went down with Bet Stow's Bundels & car$^{d}$ a sprig of myrtle to Mrs. Harris.

,, **8.** The wood came to-day & Jos Kitchener gave each 6$^{d}$, it was a very rainy day.

,, **9.** I went to Mr. Higgins to know how much the wood came to, it being an excellent load indeed. Jacky said he understood it to be the same as before. I went to Mad$^{m}$ & had the pleasure of seeing her walk across the room with Mr. Cowper's help. Found Mr. Johnson of Norfolk there.

,, **10.** We were all at church in the afternoon. I went to the lower meet$^{g}$ at night.

,, **11.** John Walker & James Longland came, for which I praise the Lord.

,, **13.** Mrs Swannell called on us. I went & heard Mr. Aspenar from "I am oppressed, undertake for me." Writ to Esq$^{r}$, by Worthy who car$^{d}$ the Letter Case which proved too small, so he told him he must make another, but it should be no loss to him. Bet Stow presented us with a mackarel, brought from Bedford, going thither on Hillyard's settlement.[1]

,, **14.** I went & heard Mr. Aspenar at the lower meet$^{g}$. At Mr. Bean's & found Mr. Bean was gone to Creaton to hear Mr. Newton, & dined with Mr. Cowper.

,, **15.** I writ to the Esq$^{r}$. an ans$^{r}$ to his note by Han$^{h}$.

,, **16.** I went to Weston conversed with them during tea,

[1] Rev. Samuel Hillyard, son of Rev. Thomas Hillyard, of Olney, was ordained Minister of Bunyan Meeting, Bedford.

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**June.** but did not drink anything but beer, prayed with Mad$^{m}$ & Mrs. Peers, could make but little of Mad$^{m}$[$^{s}$] meaning out which grieved me much tho she spoke better than heretofore.

,, **17.** All of us at Church in the afternoon. I writ my letter. My cousins took a walk & called upon Bet Stow.

,, **18.** Mr. Timings came & payed 7/2, and drank. His wife ill, he said, with the Gout in her legs, that she had no use of them. The Esq$^{r}$ writ me word that Mad$^{m}$ walked alone 4 times yesterday in Orchard walk! Praised be the Lord.

,, **19.** Mr. Hillyard called to inform me he would send his Son. Had Chine & plumb-pudden sent in plenty by York from the ship [sheep] shearing.

,, **20.** Mary Andrew said Mrs. Peers leaves the Lodge, and goes to-morrow to the House where James died. I went & heard Mr. Bedford at Mr. Sutcliff's. meet$^{g}$ I writ to the Esq$^{r}$.

,, **21.** Mrs. Lamb, her Mother & Bro$^{r}$ came & made our house their home. They came to see their sick sister & bro$^{r}$ who are now very ill, but I have some hope the Lord will raise them again & her husband, I find, is very ill.

,, **22.** I went & heard Mr. Bedford at the lower meet$^{g}$. Found [that] Mr. Hollowell the Overseer said the family of Drage should want for nothing & he not only says, but does.

,, **23.** I went to Weston, found Madam still mend$^{g}$, prayed for her & Mrs. Peers. Came home and went down to see how the Drages did to Mr. Hollowell's. Found hopes of their recovery.

,, **24.** Mr. Jones preached to us morn$^{g}$ & eve. Sent for

1792.

**June.** Mr. Postlethwait, who preached at Weston, to come & preach at Olney because he wanted to speak to him. He said if he wanted to speak to him he must come to him, for he would not come to Olney. I went down to Mr. Hollowell. The wife & Child$^{n}$ better.

,, **25.** I sent my Letter to the Esq$^{r}$ by Sam$^{l}$ Roberts. Found Mad$^{m}$ better. I enquired after the sick & found them better.

,, **26.** Worthy went & car$^{d}$ 3 letter boards, silk & trimmings, cost 18$^{d}$; he gave him 6$^{s}$ which much dissatisfied because of the trouble of them. I heard Drage ran in everybody's debt & payed nobody. So will go no more down. Heard an excellent discourse from Mr. Langford at the nearest meeting. Heard Whitbread was to be at Bedford. Asked Andrews for his horse. He could not spare it.

,, **27.** The Quillman called, he asked 11/- for 12 hundred of the long thousands. I bid him 8. He offered them at 10/6. I was quite unhappy to-day in spirit. Thinking how Inwood flaunted away, &c. And Tomkins' money.

,, **28.** I rec$^{d}$ a letter from the Esq$^{r}$ I went to Mr. S. Hughs' & rec$^{d}$ 7$^{s}$.

,, **29.** I writ ans$^{r}$ to the above. Mrs. Swannel called & Child$^{n}$. I went in the eve to see Mr. Newton & Miss Catlett who were at Mr. Bean's. Had Kempton of Hockin & shewed him the press, &c.

,, **30.** I went to see Mr. Gale, but neither eat or drink with him. Called on Mr. Sutcliff who brought but one ans$^{r}$ to all the Queries & even that not right. Polly visited Mr. Newton in the morn & Worthy met him on his return from Weston where he had been to carry 3 vols. of Reviews.

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**July 1.** Mr. Newton preached from 1 c 2nd Ep. of Cor. v 3 & 4, in the morn. At night 119 Ps. 158 v. I writ my Letter. Polly & Mammy could not go by reason of Indisposition & the heat, &c.

,, **2.** Thos. Hillyard came to school. I recd a Note from the Esqr of his receivg Mr. Newton with joy & a recollection of Joy under his ministry.

,, **3.** Mr. Courteney[1] sent 11 vols of pamphlets to bind. But Worthy so very ill with spasms that I had a most distressful scene both before & after I came home, on a visit to the Esqr, who spoke for 3 letter cases & said he would be half to findg a press for the books & after I came from hearing Mr. Newton from 8 Isa. 11 v., at Weston at the eve.

,, **4.** We sent for Ashburner to ask him about a press, who had his press fixed or we should have had it.

,, **5.** I had a press almost compleat bestowed freely on me by Mr. Andrews, painter.

,, **6.** I was assaulted with reproach by Ashburner on. with Raban, who intercepted my Note which I sent home by Perry [to] inform Raban of the pulling down of the old shop.[2] I went over to the Esqr. & informed him of it, who desired me to go to Raban & inform him, & write down his ansr, who defied them to touch the school, &c. Mr. Newton called & gave me a G[uinea] but behaved ill.

,, **7.** My cousin seized with the cramp so violently I feared instant death, & Worthy so ill as not able to walk. I went to Emberton for leaches & called on T. Hale's father & his bror with him & drank, &c.

,, **8.** None but myself heard Mr. Newton who preached

[1] Of Weston Hall.

[2] The Shiel Hall and the Blacksmith's Shop adjoining.

1792.

**July.** from James, 1 c, v 26, Matt. 8, v 14, in the eve, Heb. 6 c, v 12. Bet Stow drank tea with us. A collection for the Sunday School. All the children attended. A prodigious auditory.

,, **9.** Andrews sent me 3 short of my due, I went & told him, I would not take it. He behaved very ill & insulted me grievously which I took very patiently, but said I would not take for ½ a week. Met Mr. Newton in my walk, spoke of Mammy's afflictions. He said we must always have something & soon.

,, **10.** I re^d a note from the Esq^r which much distressed me. He said all my notices reguard^g Milton. I wrote an Ans^r but did not finish it, merely through despondency. Praised be the Lord! Polly & her Mammy & myself at church & heard Mr. Newton "And as the serpent was lifted up in the wilderness so must the son of man be lifted up." Note. —I had writ this day a text to encourage him to resume his work!

,, **11.** Recd a note from the Esq^r inform^g me with much affection that my Notice of Yesterday had refreshed him & that he had this: "It must be watered with prayers & tears." So it appears in his despondency he wrote to me before he had rec^d mine I had not sent the letter tho' written, so opened it & writ an answer with much pleasure I reck^d with Mrs. Morgan & the balance against me.

,, **12.** I & Polly & Mammy at Church. The Text Mr. Newton preached from Gal. 6 C 9 v. "*Be not weary in well doing.*" I went to the painter's with an old *Quarles* but he had seen & had the latter part. I had the gold come down for which I am to pay 6^s/6^d. A stranger[1] went to Mr. Cowper with much lugge &c.

,, **13.** I went & took my leave of Mr. Newton & gave him

[1] Abbot the painter.

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**July.** the memorandums to Mr. Bat.

,, **14.** I heard of Mr. Abbot com$^{g}$ to take the Esqr'$^{s}$ likeness.

,, **15.** I went to Weston in the morn the church be$^{g}$ there & car$^{d}$ my letter. At dinner time I went to Mr. Andrews, painter, & informed him of Mr. Abbot taking the Esqr'$^{s}$ likeness &c. I went down to Mr. Hillyard's. A collection at the door. I gave 3$^{d}$ bidding Humphrey to put in 9$^{d}$ I would pay again.

,, **16.** J. Robinson my uncle's appentice came to see us. Mammy went with him to buy a little Boy's suit of cloth[e]s of Nicholls, &c. I went to Bean's to set July stocks & found J. Marshall there. Polly Smith and her sis$^{r}$ called. Timmings likewise.

,, **17.** Writ to the Esq$^{r}$, found Hannah was very ill & was to go out to Stratford school. Mammy went & paid Mr. Humphrey the rent. I went to Mr. Sutcliff, intimated I might read a society's book under his own roof to which he agreed. He came home with me about the backing boards.

,, **18.** Sam Roberts brought me a Note, asked me to come & see the picture, brought me a note from the Esq$^{r}$ the face quite finished. It was his own invitation not the Esqr's & invited Mammy. Molly who lives at Betty Stow's called to see us. I went to Mr. Sutcliff's meet$^{g}$. The Lord be praised, Worthy bravely to what he was; almost entirely recovered. And find Mrs. Unwin still mend$^{g}$ every day! Good is [the] Lord & gracious. I got up this morn at 4 to exercise my Body.

,, **19.** I went over to Weston, found Han$^{h}$ better. Mad$^{m}$ informed me she should send her out for year & half & that Mr. C. wanted to go to Hayley, but he wished for a word of the Lord from me. I pray

1792.

**July.** the Lord to give me direction. I saw the picture & conversed with Mr. Abbot who seemed a very affable man. I prayed with Mad$^{m}$.

,, **20.** I had mislaid my purse with ½ guinea in it & occasioned much trouble to our people who found it at last. I went and conversed with Andrews the painter. Very ill in one of my eyes with inflammation.

,, **21.** I this morn solemnly invocated the Lord for a word of direction concerning the Sussex journey. I obtained this *Go, & I will be with him* and afterwards *And he went to Bethel to enquire of the Lord who said I will go down with thee into Egypt & will bring thee up again.*

,, **22.** I rec$^{d}$ early this morn$^{g}$ a note expressing full satisfaction from the Esq$^{r}$ &c & when I came over he would supply my wants in his absence.

,, **23.** Mr. Sample[1] called to engage me. I went to Weston to see the Picture, drank tea, conversed with them &c. Andrews' daughters came in at the back stairs. I agreed with Mr. Sample for full pay for all but one half boarder.

,, **24.** Went to-day to teach at Mr. Sample's. Worthy went with leather—3 books. Mr. Greatheed there who spoke for 2.

,, **26.** Rec$^{d}$ a most sorrowful Note from the Esq$^{r}$ of his distress concerning the Journey & his fear of the consequences to Mrs. Unwin & himself &c. I did not ans$^{r}$ it but went to Church. A fire at Harrold's stables which was soon over. Very sorry I did not write.

,, **27.** I writ to day; the Lord give his blessing to it &

[1] Mrs. Sample kept a Boarding School in Olney.

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**July.** desired an ans$^{r}$ but as I rec$^{d}$ none I writ again. I I rec$^{d}$ my money of Mrs. Raban for Perry, called on Mrs. Hollowell & Mrs. Andrew.

,, **28.** I rec$^{d}$ a note from the Esq$^{r}$. Notwithstanding I went up and drank tea with them. M$^{rs}$ Bean there. The Esq. said he should see me again.

,, **29.** We were all at Church. In the afternoon I went to Mr. Sutcliff's.

,, **30.** I went up, prayed, and took my leave of Mad$^{m}$, rec$^{d}$ a sealed paper of money with injunction not to open it till 1 Sept. Went to Griggs to order a saddle of mutton for them.

,, **31.** I writ a farewell letter to the Esq$^{r}$. The coach we found came to Weston about 2. Sam$^{l}$ and his wife came to take their leave.

**Aug. 1.** Found they went to-day at 8 of the clock in good spirits. Rec$^{d}$ my bill of Mr. Hardwick for E. & M. Perry, due 24 July.

,, **2.** I went to Church heard Mr. Humphrey on *Satan has desired to have thee to sift thee as wheat.* Very much disquieted for fear Worthy should miscarry in the Gilding, which did not succeed so well as expected. The Lord will I hope remove this stone out of the way.

,, **3.** Much depressed still about the gilding thro' 6 are now done very tolerable.

,, **4.** Got over the difficulty of the lettering.

,, **5.** Polly & Mammy rec$^{d}$ the H. S. Much in fear of Polly having her fits, but fetching some brandy it relieved her instantly, praised be the Lord.

,, **6.** Bought the press & frame of R. Andrews for 6$^{s}$.

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**Aug 7.** I had the pleasure & happiness of hear$^{g}$ from the Esq$^{r}$ of their safely arriv$^{g}$ at Eartham. For this I praise the Lord. Sent home the books of Mr. Courtnay[1] charge 11 vols 8vo, large 12 mo, & one Quarto, charge 14$^{s}$ 8$^{d}$.

,, **8.** I writ to the Esqr to day. Rec$^{d}$ 9 vols to bind from Mr. Courtnay, he desired they might be done just like the former. Polly Smith informed us of the Death of her father.

,, **11.** Had the wood cut up, &c., Kitchener to do it, gave him 1$^{s}$. A packet came at the same time to go to Mr. Cowper.

,, **12.** I and all of us at Church in the afternoon.

,, **13.** Mrs Longland called of Yardley to pay. I said I would at the Qr send in my Bill. Polly Smith called.

,, **14.** I went down to Mr. Hillyard's meeting. Mr. Greatheed here but did not call on us. H. Brooks came to make up her week.

,, **16.** I writ again to the Esq$^{r}$.

,, **27.** Mr. Bat, Mrs. Hughes and all her family drank tea with us, &c. I wrt a letter to Mr. Newton & sent it by him requesting him to publish the discourses I had heard him preach when here.

,, **19.** I went over to Weston to see Mrs Peers & Molly Brown, brought away the plant that crept on the ground. Mrs. Peers very ill with her Eyes.

,, **21.** I rec$^{d}$ a letter from the Esq$^{r}$ inform$^{g}$ [me that] Mad$^{m}$ was stronger in health & mended slowly but could not rise out of her Chair, or walk without

[1] Of Weston Hall.

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**Aug.** assistance, & he himself as dark as at Weston. Mr. Perkins at the Duke's Head taken suddenly & died before eve.

,, **22.** I got up at 6 and made the fire, &c. At the meet$^{g}$.

,, **23.** Worthy took very ill I had a bottle of Port at Botterrills 21$^{d}$, returned the bottle. Bought 1¾ of eels of Harrold who forgot I had paid him, so I paid him twice, tho' I certainly paid him before.

,, **24.** I sent my letter to-day to the Esq$^{r}$.

,, **25.** I went drank tea with Mr. Higgins. On hint$^{g}$ his promise about fetch$^{g}$ the Coal he said he would not for £5, they were so backward in their work this year. I called on Mary Brow[n] & Mrs. Peers.

,, **26.** We were all at Church in the afternoon, praised be the Lord. I called on Mr. T. Raban, who was very ill & in danger.

,, **28.** I went to see Mr. Raban & to Mr. Hillyard's meet$^{g}$.

,, **29.** At Mr. Sutcliff's. Mrs. Higgins called on us from Emberton. Rec$^{d}$ a letter from the Esq$^{r}$, a most affectionate one indeed inform$^{g}$ he had determined to set out from Eartham on the 17 instant.

,, **31.** I writ again to the Esq$^{r}$.

**Sept. 1.** Worthy very poorly & much fretted by Gilding the 9 Vols of Mr. Courteney. Had my Coats mended & new pockets to one &c., charge 18$^{d}$ &c.

,, **2.** I & Polly & Mammy rec$^{d}$ the H.S. We all of us at Church in the afternoon. John Whitford called on me to see me, & said he was an Haberdasher

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**Sept.** & lived with his father.[1]

,, **3.** I payed Mrs. Drake for a bottle of port I had when she was in London 22d.

,, **5.** Mary Hewet brought a book to bind. Recd a Letter from the Esqr in which I hope by the Lord's blessing more & more tokens of good. Wheeler called for the 9 vols just as they were packing up. Mary brought some buckthorn boughs with the berries.

,, **6.** Wheeler brought the Money £1 : 6 : 4 for 20 Vols. Polly, Worthy, tho' very ill with spasmodic pains & forced to walk with a stick, & his Mammy went to see Polly Bannister after tea & home & walked as far as Pierson's.

,, **7.** I writ and sent my Letter to the Esqr.

,, **8.** I & Worthy sawed the residue of the Wood. I called on Sutcliff & told him of the ill usage Polly & Mammy recd & that Marriot was with them, &c. He told me by way retribution of Mr. Cowper being assaulted very roughly by the Reviewer.

,, **9.** I & Polly & Mammy went to Church twice. A stranger of Hitchen preached. I went & heard Mr. Hillyard.

,, **10.** I borrd the Review of Mr. Biggs to read the article of Mr. C. All my fears subsided on readg it. Mrs. Swannel called & payed 14s. Her behaviour not agreeable to our minds. My cousins all went to the Lodge & came home with Kitchiner & spoke to him to come & do the garden on Saturday.

,, **11.** Worthy so ill I was forced to dress him.

[1] Formerly Minister of the Independent Meeting at Olney.

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**Aug. 12.** Worthy took a Dose of sennœ which removed his complaints in a wonderful manner.

**,, 13.** I writ to the Esq$^{r}$ for the last time at Eartham. No church, Mr. Bean being out.

**,, 15.** Kitchener came to do the garden, &c.

**,, 16.** All of us at Church in the afternoon. I went to Mr. Sutcliff's.

**,, 17.** Had the Catalogue of Luckington of Mr. Sutcliff, Had the pleasure of another Letter from the Esq$^{r}$ tell$^{g}$ me he kept to his purpose of sett$^{g}$ out on the 17$^{th}$ &c.

**,, 18.** Worthy went over with my Letter to the Esq$^{r}$, but they did not come, brought it back. Found Dick Coleman[1] just come in & advised Kitchener by all means if they came to get rid of him without Mr. Cowper seeing him, &c.

**,, 19.** Had the pleasure & happiness of find$^{g}$ they came last night. For this I bless & praise the Lord.

**,, 20.** Worthy went over with a Letter to the Esq$^{r}$, was well rec$^{d}$ & entertained with Rum in the parlour.

**,, 21.** Worthy went over with the Letter boards of Mr. Johnson. 3 of them, but Mad$^{m}$ was electerfying, so he saw neither of them. Sam$^{l}$ called and brought the Esq$^{r's}$ thanks for my 2 Letters & he could not write for a weakness in his Eyes.

**,, 22.** I went & called on Hill of Weston & dined with the Esq$^{r}$ & found him much affected by the censure of the M$^{o}$. R.[2]

[1] Brought as a lad by Cowper from St. Albans. Probably Dick was drunk.

[2] The Monthly Review.

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**Aug. 23.** I & Mammy & Polly all at Church twice. Mr. Bean returned from London yesterday.

,, **24.** Ann York came again to sewing & brought harvest home fare very plenteously. Mr. Hillyard called & payed [one] g[uinea] for Tho$^{s}$ schooling.

,, **26.** I rec$^{d}$ a Note from the Esq$^{r}$ inform$^{g}$ me next Monday he purposes to begin his Dissertations.[2]

,, **29.** To our Surprize Mrs. Lamb of Higham came to see us. I reckoned with Mrs. Tompkins & Morgan. I rec$^{d}$ Pindar[3] from the Esq$^{r}$ with the character of humorous, but that Whitbread would not, he thought, interest himself in it.

,, **30.** I & Polly rec$^{d}$ the H. S. with Mammy. Mrs. Lamb set out after breakfast for Bozeat. Polly took in a fit & Mammy, both very ill, and so was I from a brisk purge

**Oct. 1.** I did not write by Mammy's persuasion on acc$^{t}$ of my being ill. Sam$^{l}$ Roberts called & told me the Esq$^{r}$ was very well & Mad$^{m}$.

,, **2.** Mrs. Higgins of Emberton & Child called & drank tea with us. I writ to-day by Mary in the morn & expected an ans$^{r}$ by the eve but none came.

,, **3.** Read & finished *Bruce's Travels.* Mr Bean lectured to-night on acc$^{t}$ of his going out to preach a Charity Sermon at Birmingham. Pitts began at the Bull his Philosophical Lectures and experiments.

,, **4.** Polly asking Mrs. Raban about the Coal rec$^{d}$ answer that her husband had so much to do he could not go &c.

[2] On Milton.

[3] See 19 May 1792.

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**Oct. 5.** I went to Hatcher in the very instant he was weigh$^{g}$ cheese to go to Bedford, who agreed to go to-morrow. In much fear by my left eye being much inflamed but no pain, but the sight often obstructed by substances like cobwebs appearing.

,, **6.** I and Polly went to Mrs. Swannel's. The coal came at 3. Jos Green & J Kitchener emtyed—4$^{d}$ each. Writ to the Esqr.

,, **7.** Had a Minister preached from Birmingham in the Morn *Honour all men, love the brotherhood, fear God, honour the King.* In the afternoon on the New Creature. I Heard Fuller[1] at Mr. Sutcliff's in the eve. Rec$^{d}$ a sorrowful note from the Esq$^{r}$.

,, **8.** Mammy very ill with her leg & I much alarmed by its swelling.

,, **9.** Mrs. Banjam for Miss King of Sherrington 6/6, of Mrs. Revis for Miss 6$^{s}$ 3$^{d}$. I went to Mr. Hillyard. *Shout O Inhabitant of Zion.* Heard C. Higgins was taken ill a Coursing, so that he was forced to be brought home in his Coach and it was said he was Dying or dead.

,, **10.** Went & payed my Rent & for the knives.

,, **12.** I went & heard Mr. Storten from *He was full of Grace & Truth,* a most excellent discourse & he but 22!

,, **13.** I went & reckoned with Wagstaff & rec$^{d}$ my Money. I went to Weston only to pray a few minutes. Mrs. U. told me of Mr. N[ewton] being a changed man since he became Rector, &c., & Mrs. H. was his pipe of Intelligence, &c.

,, **14.** All of us at church in the afternoon. I at Mr.

[1] Rev. Andrew Fuller, the distinguished Baptist Minister,

1792.

**Oct.** Sutcliff's to hear Mrs. Andrews the deacon's wife's funeral. *I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.*

,, **15.** I went to the prayer meeting to return thanks for the harvest.

,, **16.** Went down to Mr. Hillyard's meet$^{g}$.

,, **17.** Heard Mr. Sharman at Mr. Sutcliffs. Sent a note to Mr. Greatheed[1] to inform him I hope he rec$^{d}$ the Letter books and if he had sent the money.

,, **18.** Heard Mr Humphreys preach in the Chancel from John's Ep 1, 30.

,, **19.** Heard Mr. Whitney at Mr. Sutcliffs.

,, **20.** Mr. Hillard brought the Money for the letter books.

,, **21.** I & Polly & Mammy at Church with Worthy. In the afternoon we were interrupted by S. Robinson com$^{g}$ in by Mr. Talbot's order. Worthy asked Mrs. Lord if she complained of our sitting with her, &c. I went to Mr. Bean who said he would speake to Mr. Talbot about it. I went to Mr. Hillyard's in the morn because there was not service in the morn, Mr. Bean being at Weston & I went again in the eve & gave 3$^{d}$, it being collection night.

,, **22.** The Esq$^{r}$ sent me a note & an invitation to dinner which I accepted. Mrs. U. told me a Mo$^{h}$ [mother's] heart was opened to pray for Mr. C 10 miles off.

,, **25.** I went & rec$^{d}$ my Bill for Perry of Mrs. Raban. Called to know of Mr. Bean about the pew, who said he thought he should have seen Mr. Talbot

[1] Of Newport Pagnell,

1792.

**Oct.** at the Court[2] & he would have spoke to him about it.

,, **27.** I went to Weston, called on the Esq$^{r}$ & brought the Mag[azine]. Went to Mr. Bean about the pew, who was dining at Weston at the Esq$^{r}$, but I went down to W$^{m}$ Raban, churchwarden, & told him. But Mr. Bean came & told us he had provided Mr. Talbot's man with a plan & Mr. T. did not desire to disturb us.

,, **28.** All of us at church twice except in the morn. Mammy at the nearest meet$^{g}$.

,, **29.** W$^{m}$ Nicholls came again to School. Mrs. Swannel called & was so pleased with the Glass of Beer that she came & asked for more. I sent my Letter to the Esq$^{r}$.

,, **30.** Mr. Tyrrell at the Swan at Newport, agreed to send his son to school by the Qr at 9$^{s}$. I to find ink and pens. I went and heard Mr. Carver at the lower meet$^{g}$ from 31 Ex. 10 v.

,, **31.** J. Tyrrell came to school. Heard Mr. Carver *They that seek thee thou wilt not forsake*, at Mr. Sutcliffs, Ps 9.

**Nov. 1.** No Church Service, Mr. Bean hav$^{g}$ the toothache. I writ to the Esq$^{r}$.

,, **2.** I writ to Taylor for three skins. I went to see Mr. Bean who was very ill with a pain in his head & face.

,, **3.** I writ to the Esq$^{r}$ by Worthy who car$^{d}$ over a letter case. I went to Mr. Bean & disuaded him from send$^{g}$ the Cryer to let the people know there would be no church in the morn on Sunday.

[2] The Court Leet.

1792.

**Nov. 4.** I went over after dinner to Mad$^{m}$, met the Esq$^{r}$ who gave a most dreadful acct of the state of his mind &c. I went on to Mad$^{m}$, prayed, & came home at the time of the lessons read$^{g}$. At Mr. Sutcliff's.

,, **5.** I went to Mr. Andrews, painter. He had begun the Horse and Lion. Brought a July flower from Harris's and my money of Mr. Hardwick for the Perrys.

,, **6.** 2 Yorks & 2 Bedfords & G. Raban came to School. I went to Mr. Hillyard's Meet$^{g}$.

,, **7.** Rec$^{d}$ a Note from the Esq$^{r}$ of sorrow.

,, **8.** Polly Smith drank tea with us. I went to Church. I writ to the Esq$^{r}$, advising perseverance, &c., in his work.[1]

,, **10.** Polly & Worthy went to York's. Picked ½ a pint of Buckthorn berries. I vis[i]ted Mr. Bean, heard of Chater's authorship of the *Night Thoughts*.

,, **11.** I only rec$^{d}$ the H.S. Writ to the Esq$^{r}$. Advised 7 days prayer, morn & eve from the example of Elijah's serv$^{t}$.

,, **12.** John Travil came. Eliz. Soul in the night school.

,, **13** I rec$^{d}$ a note from the Esq$^{r}$ who said he would comply & ans$^{d}$ about *P[aradise] Lost*. I at Mr. Hillyard's.

,, **14.** I went to Mr. Sutcliff's meet$^{g}$.

,, **15.** No Church service. Mr. Bean gone to Bedford. I went to W. Smith to see Mr. Scott's Bible,[2] heard Mr. Scott lost £400 by his bookseller. I write to

[1] In the original, the entries from Nov. 5 to Nov. 14 are misplaced, and under date Nov. 12 Teedon writes "For the 5 look forward to the 11."

[1] The famous Commentary by the Rev. Thomas Scott.

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Nov. the Esq$^{r}$ my dream of Mad$^{m}$'s recovery, & [of her] says "Mr. T[eedon] 'All things are as happy as we can wish.'"

,, 17. I went to Weston met Mr. Gregson at the Esq's who told me Christmas would do for the books. Mad$^{m}$ ill in her face & hand with a swells.

,, 19. Jane Clark & James Chater came to school.

,, 21. I rec$^{d}$ a Letter from the Esq$^{r}$, tells me he had eventually complied with my requisition, but found little or no releief, but would keep to it as well as he could. I writ the dream of the Lion's den & his deliverance.

,, 23. I could not bare the school on Acc$^{t}$ of the Smoak I went to Mr. Bean & he advised me to go to Mr. Wright[1] at ½ after 2 who ordered Mr. Raban to repair the chimney &c.

,, 25. I & Polly at Church.

,, 30. My Cousins drank tea & supped at Betty Stow's. I finished & cor$^{d}$ the Sonnet writ to the Esq$^{r}$ but could not send it.

Dec 1. I went to rec$^{e}$ my pay & Mrs. U. informed me for the future I was to rec$^{e}$ only 26 instead of 30. I was much discomposed &c. Sent my Letter before I went which I writ yesterday. She said if I could do better I was at liberty; she could dispose of it &c. In ans$^{r}$ to my telling her she had promised to continue it at 30 &c.

,, 2. I rec$^{d}$ yesterday a fine goose from Mrs. Swannel which we roasted to-day. I rec$^{d}$ the H. S. My cousins went to see our old neig$^{r}$ Andrews. Mrs.

[1] Lord Dartmouth's Steward.

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**Dec.** Nicholls came & bought Sam[l] a bible at 5. I got 6[d]. The Perrys & Eliz & Polly paid to the 1[st].

,, **4.** Mr. Clark came in the Eve. I rec[d] a letter from the Esq[r] again desiring to be prayed for respect[g] Milton.

,, **6.** Mrs. Hughes sent for Polly's books.

,, **7.** I went to Mrs. Hugh's & her Sis[r] who charged me with encouraging all the wickedness of my cousins &c. I writ to the Esqr.

,, **8.** I rec[d] a note from the Esq[r] & the family bible. I writ for leather &c. to Green.

,, **9.** I, Polly & Mammy at Church.

,, **10.** Sally Roybythorn come in the eve school. I car[d] home *Dr. Manton* new backed to Mr. Clark & had 20[d]. I went with *Quarles* to Miss Bean. I went to Mrs. Palmer's & related Mrs. Hughs' misbehaviour & rec[d] a Quarter & had a tinder box. I writ to the Esq[r].

,, **12.** I went to Mr. Sutcliff's meet[g].

,, **13.** I went to Church. But writ to the Esq[r].

,, **16.** All of us at Church but Worthy. Mr. Bean desired a meeting of the inhabitants on Tuesday to testify by their loyalty, as it was said this town was disaffected to the Government.

,, **17.** Mrs. Swannel called & talked of Jack's learn[g] Latin! Sent by Kitchener all the music books by desire of Mrs. Courtenay yesterday by a Note from her.

,, **18.** Met at the Church. I spoke in approbation of the first read declaration. I. Pain burnt &c. in the eve.

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**Dec. 19.** I did not go to Mrs. Sample's to-day. Miss Dowleys going home &c. Mrs. Wagstaff called to see us in the School time & invited my Cousin to see her.

,, **22.** Broke up to-Day & set Tasks. Rec$^{d}$ a Note from the esq informing [me that] Mr. & Mrs. Rose were to dine to-day with them & w$^{d}$ stay 10 Days.

,, **23.** I writ to the Esq$^{re}$.

,, **25.** Went to Church. Prayers in the Chancel being Christmas day. At Mr. Sutcliff's meet$^{g}$, gave 3$^{d}$ to the collection at the door. At Church in the eve. *The desire of all nations shall come.* A very great congregation. Worthy took exceeding ill. I fetched a bottle of Lisbon 2$^{s}$ 1$^{d}$.

,, **26.** I writ to the Esq$^{r}$. Went & bought a Gown from Mr. Andrews, draper—5 yards $\frac{3}{4}$ at 5/6. I stayed & he read his Letter in the Buckingham paper. Reckoned with Mrs. Morgan. Worthy still very ill. Mrs. Lord sent a plate of beef.

,, **27.** I returned the 5$\frac{3}{4}$, my cousin not liking it & invited Mr. Andrews to come & see the Music books of Mr. Courtenay, who came in the eve & spent it with us.

,, **28.** Worthy very ill.

*O! Christi fave meis inceptis.*

1793.

**Jan. 1.** I gave 2s for my new year's gift. Began School both day & night. 2 Berrills of Yardley came to School.

,, **2.** Mr. Bean preached[1] from *Remember thy Creator in the days of thy Youth.* A very large auditory. I gave 2s for a new year's gift.

,, **3.** Mr. Sutcliff from Gen. *The God who has fed me all my life long bless the lads, &c.*

,, **4.** Young Mr. Hillyard from 2 Kings, *Josiah sought when he was young the Lord God of his father David.*

,, **5.** I went recd my money from Hardwick. Mr. Bannister brought Tyrell's money from Newport. Went to Mr. Bean's and had a Catalogue.

,, **6.** I & Polly & Worthy recd the H. S. I went to the Esqr, heard a tale of his deep sorrow &c., called at Mr. Higgins' &c, Mr. Jacky & Miss & Mr. Verney present. Well recd.

,, **7.** R. Johnson came to school. Mr. Bean came to see Mr. Courtenay's music books.

,, **8.** Miss Bean sent me the verses.

,, **9.** I went to Mr. Sutcliff's meetg. Card Chater's verses to Mr. Andrews & had 1½ of brown Holland. Miss Pell & Mrs Clark brought their Money. I sent 2 Letters to the Esqr in one by Saml Roberts.

[1] New Year's Sermons to the Young are preached on the first three days of the year at the church & the two chapels. See also page 11.

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**Jan. 12.** Miss Pell & Wagstaff drank tea with us. I sent a letter by the Harrold man who brings Hog pud-din[g]s.

,, **13.** All of us at lunch, but Worthy who was ill.

,, **17.** I sent my dream of the eggs & serpent to the Esqr. At Church.

,, **18.** Han$^{h}$ called to take her leave.[1]

,, **19.** I went to Weston, eat a mince pie, brought 1 vol of Hayley & 2 mags [magazines].

,, **20.** All of us at Church in the afternoon. Mr. Bean spoke about the service in the Chancel, that he would try another day to accommodate all. If that would not do he would come into the church as aforetime.

,, **21.** Polly Smith called & behaved very odd. Went to Sample's at m[orn] only. Miss Pell reckoned with Mr. Sample for quills, Books &c.

,, **22.** Becky Sample mar$^{d}$ to-day, so I did not teach at 12.

,, **24.** I went to the Church Lecture.

,, **26.** I went & shewed the Letter board to Miss Higgins & Mr. Higgins, who asked me to dine. I went to the Esq$^{r}$, he asked me to dinner, but as Mammy was very ill I did not stay.

,, **27.** I & Mammy & Polly at church. Worthy not well but Mammy, tho' very ill, yet, I praise the Lord, was at Church, & went in the Eve to see Mrs. Rose who was ill with a pain in her face. Like Worthy, but his was in his ear.

[1] She was going away to a Boarding School.

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**Jan. 28.** I writ yesterday & sent my Letters & mag[s] by Sam[l] Roberts. Miss. Harriot Marshall began writ[g] at Mrs. Sample's.

,, **31.** At Church at the Lecture.

**Feb. 1.** I went to see Mrs. Bean & found they were all at Weston. Went yesterday.

,, **2.** I went over to Weston to see Miss who presented me with ½ a G[uinea], I tell[g] her I came over to see her, tho' it was so bad a day, because I thought she would be alone. I did not call on the Esq[r], hav[g] rec[d] a most distressing note from him before I set out. Polly & Mammy bought a handkerchief a piece of Mr. Clark, both 4[s] 2[d]

,, **3.** We went into the Chancel for the last time in the morn. I, Polly, & Mammy recd the H.S. Worthy ill & did not go out. I went to Mr. Bean & took my leave of him, he going to London to-morrow.

,, **5.** Worthy very ill with complaint in his neck. We blooded him with a Leach which drew but a few drops, it was so weak.

,, **6.** I writ to the Esq[r]. J. Wheeler called & payed for the 7 vols of folio music 35[s], 2 of them two or 3 vols in one.

,, **7.** Nanny Roberts & her Sons called for an almanack which was to be interleaved, but Worthy being ill it was not done. I went to Mad[m] Andrews & to Andrews the painter's, stayed 2 or 3 hours. Jack Perkins came in with a suit of Bever Skins.

,, **8.** Polly went with J. Stow & carried the Letter with the almanack, which Madam took very kindly & she returned with satisfaction. I received a Letter rather more lightsome from the Esq[r].

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**Feb. 9.** I went to Mrs. Bean & found Jones was come to preach & that he was now busy to get subscriptions &c. for Zion Church. I went to Weston & informed them who said they would not give nor see him. But this journey to Weston was taken to day & not yesterday.

,, **10.** I heard Jones in the afternoon who then set out for Kettering.

,, **11.** Mr. Barnard came. I asked him to take a parcel to Mr. Whitbread. He said he would. I writ my Letter of address & went to E. Soul's to rec^e the Quarterage, her Mother being so ill she was to stay away.

,, **12.** I car^d the M.S. to Mr. Barnard who promised to take great care of it. &c. I went to Mr. Hillyard's meeting. Mr. Sutcliff preached on acc^t of Shrosbury not com^g. I went to Mrs. Bean. Miss told me of Jones and Mr. Higgins' affair of the inclosure of the fields.

,, **13.** I went & heard Mr. Sharman.

,, **14.** I called upon Mrs. Bean & found she was sent for to Weston with Mr. Higgins' Chaise. Miss informed [me] of T. Raban's distraction.

,, **16.** I went to Weston to the Esq^rs, found Jones called but did not see Mrs. U. The Esq^r related his dream of converse with Milton. I called upon T. Raban who still continued very bad. The physician to come to-morrow. At Mrs. Bean's Mr. Greaves there.

,, **17.** Mr. Greaves preached. I was sent for to go with him to Weston. Mr. B. H.[1] asked us to drink a Glass of wine &c which we did. I went & engaged Kitchener to go with him to Ld Cavendishe's at Billen.

[1] Probably Bartholomew Higgins.

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**Feb. 18.** My money of Clark & payed for Pork 2s 2d at Cuthbertson's.

,, **19.** I went & heard Mr. Sharman's farewell sermon. *The good will of him who Dwelt in the Bush.*

,, **21.** I went to the Esqr.

,, **22.** I red a note from the Esqe.

,, **23.** I & Worthy went to Mr. York's. Worthy ill with his head ache all the time & it rained all the way home. I went to see Mr. Bean who came home from London.

,, **24.** Saml Roberts called. T. Raban so well as to go to Church & seemed very composed. Worthy too ill to go out. The rest of us at Church. I at Mr. Sutcliff's.

,, **25.** James Timmings came to School. I writ to the Esqr, sent it by Kitchener.

,, **27.** I writ to the Esqr & sent 2 Mags. I & Polly went to Swannel's & lost our way.

,, **28.** I & Polly went to Mrs. Swannel's to inform them of Betty Boroughs 13d, the boys staying away on Acct of it. They had confessed it at home. Lost our way, so went back to Emberton. Abrahams came home with us who was at work in the Garden. But this happened yesterday & she drank tea with us to-day & payed Betty 13d.

**Mar. 1.** I card home the bottle of insects to the Painter's & showed him Worthy's binding in calf & marbled for T. Field who much admired it. I writ to the Esqr a dream of my coursing &c.

,, **2.** I went to the Esqr & recd the Quarterage, card home Marriot's for his son. T. Field bound & marbled

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**Mar.** in calf 20d. I shewed it first to Miss Higgins & Mrs. Bean. Miss, I found, had been with her all the week. Mrs. Bean was taken ill I fetched hartshorn, &c., from Grindon's for her.

,, **3.** I, Polly & Mammy red H.S. I called to know how Mrs. Bean did, found her bravely, brought home the *Histy of the Fire of London & of the Great Storms.*[1] At Mr. Sutcliff's who preached Mr. Perry's funeral Sermon. *The righteous are taken away*, 57 Isa.

,, **4.** Polly Smith brought some apples. Worthy took very ill so I was forced to arise. I was very sorry for my own impatience, &c. He seemed as bad with his neck or worse than before.

,, **5.** I recd a Hat, 3 waistcoats, 2 breeches & a coat from Mr. J. H. Junr with a kind Letter. I writ an ansr. Did not go to Mrs. Sample's who excused me on acct of Worthey's illness who seemed not better.

,, **6.** I writ to the Esqr to-day.

,, **8.** Mr. Bean had his Lecture to night, but I did not go. Worthy at School to-day.

,, **9.** I went to Weston, eat a sandwich &c. Then at Mrs. Andrews to comfort her under her anxiety & drank tea with her. The tryal of 5 of Nov. coming on Next Monday. At Mr. Bean's & found he was compelled to go, of which I went & informed Mr. Sutcliff, who made slight of it.

,, **10.** I writ to day as usual. Mr. Higgins called to day. I asked if there were a pair of Boots & spatterdashes. He said he would look. I went and heard Mr. Bull at the lower meetg.

[1] Probably works of Defoe.

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**Mar. 11.** Mr. Hadcock brought Scott's Bible. Polly & Mammy went and paid Cuthbertson. Paid Mrs. Grey 4s. I recd 7s of Mrs. Gees. Called on Mrs. Andrews but Hurst's Clerk comg in to do business I came away.

,, **12.** I paid Botterill for a bottle of wine which I had when Worthy was first taken ill & card home the Bottle.

,, **13.** I went down to Mrs. Andrews. While there a messenger came in from Mr. Andrews to inform that Mr. Andrews had gained the Cause. This should have been inserted yesterday. I went to Mr. Bean & found him much displeased with the Judge &c.

,, **14.** I red the verses mortuary & a Letter from the Esqr. Mr. Courtenay spoke for a Quarto Letter case. Wm Caborn called on us. Mr. Courtenay called himself to order a Letter Case.

,, **16.** Sent home Mr. Courtenay's Letter Case, went to the Esqrs & found the Study & room over it under reparation. I drank tea with Miss & Mr. Higgins Senior. Did not get home till late on Acct of the rain. Wm Perry came for his Books.

,, **17.** All at Church in the afternoon. I left the Painter's Mr. C[owper]'s Mortuary verses. At Mr. Sutcliff's meetg.

,, **18.** I writ to the Esqr.

,, **19.** Bet Smith called & drank tea.

,, **20.** Bet Smith called on her return to Brayfield. I went & recd Perry's Qr of Mr. Wm Raban. Writ to the Esqr.

,, **21.** At the Lecture at Church. I card 3s being the

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**March.** change out of ½ Guinea for Perry's Qr. to Mr. Raban.

,, **22.** Mr. Bean brought 6 of *The Advice to a new married Pair*[1] to be stitched. I rec^d a very sorrowful Note from the Esq^r.

,, **23.** I wrote to the Esq^r. And went over to see them after 5 but eat only an apple.

,, **24.** I went & heard Mr. Storton at Mr. Sutcliff's meeting give a very affecting acct of the progress of the Gospel among the hindows under the ministry of Mr. Thomas & that he & Mr. Cary[2] were to be here and soon embark for their mission. After a collection. I writ to the Esq^r

,, **25.** My d^r Cousin took so ill as scarcely able to move or stand upright or sit. I was much alarmed, fetched a bottle of wine. It was, I believe, the Rheumatism. I went to Mr. Bean's to carry 4 of the *Advices to a new married pair*, which Worthy sewed for him & covered with marble paper. Had 1^s for them. He asked me to go into the parlour there. I found Mrs. Sample & her scholars. Mr. B. Higgins, Miss & Mr. Bean played on the organ &c. I drank a Glass of wine.

,, **26.** My cousin, praised be the name of the Lord, much better to day. I fetched a pint of Gin & payed for my Wine & Gin, Mr. Botteril. I went to Mr. Sutcliff's meets & heard Mr. Cary preach, the Missionary to go to the Hindos with his Son about 10 Years of age. A Collection was made. I gave 6^d. It amounted to almost £10. The Lord prosper the work!

,, **27.** I writ to the Esq^r.

[1] A little work by Mr. Bean.
[2] Wm. Carey the famous Missionary.

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**Mar. 29.** I writ to the Esq$^{r}$. Went not to Mrs. Sample to day. Mr. Jones of Creaton preached the Lecture in the eve.

,, **30.** A Fire broke out at Mr. W$^{m}$ Andrews', stone cutter, which occasioned his intire removal of his goods, but happily no other loss but damage the house & breaking the furniture.

,, **31.** Rec$^{d}$ with Polly the H.S. of Mr. Jones. Worthy very ill & Mammy stayed with him. T. Sharman died to-day.

**April 1.** The Day so very severe that hardly any body came to the fair, it snowed & blew all the Day. I writ to the Esq$^{r}$ & sent it by Mr. Old.

,, **2.** Mammy began washing. I went to T. Sharman's burial, & Polly with me. Went to Mrs. Bean, who told me she was to go into Leicestershire for several weeks.

,, **3.** Miss Bean invited us all to drink tea, but could not go to-day but appointed to-morrow.

,, **4.** We all went & drank tea with her & Mr. B. Higgins. Mr. & Mrs. Grindon came afterwards & Hull. Had our desire of hearing much of the organ. Young had the pianoforte to repair. I sent to Miss Higgins & Esq$^{r}$.

,, **5.** My Cousins all went to Filgrave, but lost their way & did not get there as soon as I did when I & Polly went.

,, **6.** My Cousins went to York's.

,, **7.** All at Church in the afternoon.

,, **8.** W$^{m}$ Rogers came to School, & Mrs. Barringer came to introduce Mrs. King in the eve school. Selena

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**April.** Nicholls & Ann Brightman & Sally Bannister. I writ to the Esq^r. Hepzibah Wagstaff likewise.

,, **9.** At Mrs. Andrews to complain about the sheers & car^d to Tomkins them he brought in their place.

,, **10.** I went to Mr. Sutcliff's, heard a Mr. Mayling. Payed Mr. Griggs 2.8 Mr. Cuthbertson 2.1.

,, **11.** I went to the lecture. Mr. Grindon's Child was buried & brought in at the Chancel door. Mammy & Polly went to see J. Stow who was ill & found Polly who lives there was gone to offer herself to service.

,, **12.** I went to Mr. Hillyard's meet^g & heard Mr. Raban[1] on *The word of the Lord was precious*—a good auditory. W^m Perry who lived at the Grange called on us.

,, **13.** I went and drank tea with the Esq^r who was in the very depths of despair & darkness. The Lord turn it to light. Car^d Miss Higgins a Copy Book & copies. Had 1/-. My cousins at Stow's to see James who had the meazles.

,, **14.** My Polly very ill with vomiting just as she was going to Church. I fetched ½ a pint of Brandy which did much good.

,, **15.** I went to Andrews the Painter's about the brushes for Worthy. Found by Mr. Bean his Son was out of danger from the meazles. E. Underwood's Bro^r came for her.

,, **16.** I payed Mrs Bottrill 10½ for ½ pint of brandy & car^d home the bottle. Mr. Bean's maid very ill with the meazles, so that it was feared she would die. My cousins went to see James Stow who was out of danger from them.

[1]Rev T. Raban "the carpenter-parson" of Olney.

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**April 17.** The Esq$^{r}$ sent to know if there was any Letter.

,, **18** I writ to the Esq$^{r}$. I went & reckoned with Abrahams. Paid for 200 Quills & brought home 1 C more. & he said they cost him a shill$^{g}$ besides cut[ting] & would not let me have them under 14 per C [14$^{d}$ per 100]. I rec$^{d}$ Quills 3 . 6
Cash 3 . 0

,, **19.** I did not teach anywhere to-day, but went in the morn to Church & heard Mr. B. from *Spare the rod, &c.* In the noon went to Weston. Mr. B. overtook me but never spoke tho' but just by on the other side of the hedge, & seemed fearful by his own velocity of my overtaking him. Esq$^{r}$ & Mad$^{m}$ rec$^{d}$ me kindly. Returned to hear the evening Lecture from Jos. 24 20 verse. *Serve not strange Gods.*

,, **20.** I went to Mr. York's & drank tea. Car$^{d}$ home 4 bound books 12 mo. to Mrs. Brightman in calf & splendidly Gilt & lettered 5$^{s}$ 8$^{d}$ 3 vols of Tracts from Mr. Courtenay's.

,, **21.** At Church all of us in the afternoon, but Worthy who took physic. At Mr. Sutcliff's Meet$^{g}$.

,, **22.** I writ my Letter to the Esq$^{r}$, & Polly being very ill with a bad cold so that she could not work, went with Mammy & car$^{d}$ it. But saw neither the Esq$^{r}$ nor Mad$^{m}$ but coldly treated even by Nanny & Sam$^{l}$. But came home refreshed after tea.

,, **23.** Polly very ill to-day & could not work. I went & heard Mr. Sims of Cambridge in the Chancel on *Hath not the potter power over the clay to &c.*, Jer. 18. And gave notice he should preach to-morrow.

,, **24.** Polly better, the Lord be praised.

,, **25.** I find Polly mend$^{g}$. But this expec$^{l}$ Day of sorrow on d$^{r}$ Mammy's Acc$^{t}$ who was twice dreadfully

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**April.** attacked by Convulsions owing to a want of tenderness &c of W[orthy] who would not be prevailed on till too late to go & see the beating-block at Raban's. I had a bottle of wine of Botterill.

,, **26.** Mammy, praised be the Lord! was better & took a walk with Polly & called upon B. Andrews &c. I went to Raban's about the block & went with John to see the Garden. I rec^d a sorrowful letter from the Esq^r.

,, **27.** I went & drank tea with Miss Higgins & her father. Mr. Bean came in likewise & I conversed with him about Mr. Sim's preaching &c. I called upon Mad^m who told me she would advise Mr. Cowper to go & dine at the Hall. Brought some fish home from Mr. Higgins'. The beating-stool brought home from Raban's.

,, **28.** Worthy ill & Mammy stayed at home. I & Polly at church in the afternoon. I at Sutcliff's. I writ to the Esq^r.

,, **29.** Caroline Palmer began her Q^r in the eve. Maria Nicholls came again. I went down to Clark's the heelman to try his knife on the boards but it would not cut them. Called in the eve on Mad^m Andrews who was ill.

,, **30.** I went to hear Mr. Carver or S. Hillyard but neither came. Mr. Hillyard supplied from *Pour out your hearts before Him*. I went & pay^d my Rent to Humphry, having rec^d Swannel's bill. G. Raban came to-day to school.

**May 1.** Did not go to-day to Mrs. Sample's, she going to the Minister's meets at Newport. Polly so ill with her head & Eyes that she had a Blister. I went to Mrs. Sutcliff's.

,, **2.** Polly very ill, the Blister operated. She took an

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**May.** immoderate dose of Tartar which operated briskly, but I hope did good. Applied a blister behind her ear. I payed Mr. Botteril for the Bottle of wine I had before & another I had to-day 3s 6d. At church in the eve.

,, **3.** Polly, I hope, no worse, tho' very ill. I card home Mr. Sutcliff's Catalogue. I spoke about the Sheers.

,, **4.** I went & drank tea with Esqr & Madm & Mr. Johnson. He recd my Letter in the morn. I called on Miss Higgins; Mr. Bean, & Miss & John Bean there. Polly I hope better.

,, **5.** I Recd the H.S. Worthy at Church in the afternoon. Mrs. Swannel sent to let us know John & Richd were out of Danger from the meazles. Billy very ill yet. Bet Stow [and] Mrs. Rose called to see Polly who still continues better. I at Mr. Sutcliff's Meetg.

,, **6.** I. Nicholls came again after the meazles. I sent to the Esqr. Marriot's Sale again to-day. Jane Creamer came to School in the eve. Polly mending in her health to-day, praised be the Lord!

,, **8.** I writ to the Esqr, but could not send it. I went to Mr. Sutcliff's meetg. Mr. Edmonds preached & during the Sermon Sally Loddington died. 117v of 119 Ps.

,, **9.** I sent the Letter to the Esqr by Saml Roberts. At church. Polly went of her arrands as usual for the first time this eve. The Lord be praised for it.

,, **10.** All the Sunday Scholars followed Marriot's son to the Grave. I writ to the Esqr, but could not send it.

,, **11.** I sent the letter by Grigg['s] boy.

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**May 12.** I went to the Esq$^{r}$ & met him in the town, who informed me he would have writ if he had not seen me &c. I found Mad$^{m}$ very cheerful &c. I called on Mrs. Earls & Young who said he would get the Pianoforte done this week. I writ my Letter to the Esq$^{r}$, Went & heard S. Loddington's funeral 26 ps 8 v.

,, **13.** R. Swannel came for a few days because his Sis$^{r}$ could not go to Mrs. Leach & W$^{m}$ Palmer from London who is at Mrs. Hillyard's. Billy Soul & S. Nicholls came again.

,, **14.** I went down and heard Mr. Redford at the lower meeting & called on Robythorn who was ill with the meazles & stayed away. The text 11 Heb. 8 v. *And God is not ashamed to be called their God.*

,, **15.** I writ to the Esq$^{r}$, sent it by Worthy who Car$^{d}$ Mr. Johnson's 3 Letter-books. I car$^{d}$ home Robinson's Bible to Mr. W$^{m}$ Raban; rec$^{d}$ 2$^{s}$. Called on I Clark who, I heard, was in much danger but, praised be God! found him better. Paid Mrs. Griggs 5$^{s}$ for the neck of pork. I re$^{d}$ Maria's Q$^{r}$ 7$^{s}$. which is to begin to-day.

,, **16.** For the last three Days much troubled with a sore mouth, but much relieved by taking a little Tartar. Mr. Sutcliff called. I shewed him the Letter I writ to Tomlin of Kettering about the Sheers. I did not go to church.

,, **17.** My mouth still very troublesome & sore I tryed the honey & bole ammonia of Mrs. Cuthbertson which did me more good than anything else. I rec$^{d}$ a very sorrowful letter from the Esq$^{r}$ says, in Ans$^{r}$ to the Contrite heart, if a promise were made to the nether mill-stone he would believe it.[1] I

[1] In his letter to Teedon 16 May 1793 Cowper says "There is no text in Scripture less calculated to comfort me than that which promises comfort to the broken heart."

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**May.** called on Bright Andrews. Hetty drank tea 2 days together. I gave her my eye water.

,, **18.** I writ to the Esq$^{r}$ in Ans$^{r}$. *I will turn the flinty rock into a springing well* & the Boy called for it when just done. The Lord give an especial Blessing. I went & found Mad$^{m}$ going to walk with Mr. Johnson & Sam$^{l}$. I went likewise, drank tea with them. J. Higgins came in & Johnson & he went to walk. I asked Mad$^{m}$ for a Guinea, & luckily Mr. Cowper came in for she had none, who gave it to me in part of payment of the 1st of June.

,, **19.** I went to Church, & Polly & all of us at Church in the afternoon. Heard Mr. Redford in the eve at the lower meets.

,, **20.** Worthy & Polly took a walk. Cut off to-day 12 yds. Recd 10$^{s}$ & payed for the Loin of Veal 5$^{s}$.

,, **21.** Lucy York & Nancy called in the Eve to invite us to see them. Polly & Worthy went to get tetrapogon.[1]

,, **22.** I writ to the Esq$^{r}$. Mrs. Coleman came to speak about S. Coleman's Son coming to School.

,, **23.** I was taken ill with the Lumbago, but went to Church. Read the *Botanic Garden.*

,, **24.** Mrs. Banister & Sally drank tea. Polly Smith brought Polly a Ribband on her Sist$^{s}$ marriage.

,, **25.** Tompkins brought the Sheers only mended in the Handell. I went and drank tea tho' I had rec$^{d}$ a Letter from the Esq$^{r}$, found Mad$^{m}$ very ill. I called at Miss Higgins', found Mrs. Humphrys & Chil$^{n}$ & Mrs. Bean & Child$^{n}$.

[1] Probably a mistake for Tragopogon (Goat's Beard).

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**May 26.** I writ a Letter this morn. Polly car$^{d}$ it after Dinner. I went with her to the white gate of Hillfield, had the pleasure of finding Mad$^{m}$ better. Reached church both of us while they were singing. At the Meeting nearest to us.

,, **27.** Mrs. Nicholls called about the Bible for James. I fetched 3 which did not do from Abrahams. Sam$^{l}$ Roberts informed us of Johnson's going. I discovered my ignorance of it. I went to Mr. Bean's. We drank tea with Molly Banister. W$^{m}$ Coleman of Emberton, & James Willson of London came to School.

,, **28.** Mr. Scott came to-day to [the] Town.

,, **29.** At Mr. Sutcliff's meet$^{g}$.

,, **30.** Mr. Scott called on us, preached from *He that has begun the good work will fulfil it till the day of Christ*, &c.

,, **31.** I rec$^{d}$ a very sorrowful Letter from the Esq$^{r}$ whose import was to deny all good whatsoever to proceed from my writ$^{g}$, but everything opposite &c. & to forbid my writ$^{g}$. I writ an Ans$^{r}$, but, I confess, in some fear. Young brought home the musical instrument say$^{g}$ he could not do it.

**June 1.** I went over to the Esq$^{r}$, found he had ordered Mad$^{m}$ not to forget my Quaterage. I represented to her my thoughts of the Esq$^{r's}$ Letter. She told him I understood it so. He said it was the anguish of his mind, but he durst not forbid my writ$^{g}$. I rec$^{d}$ of my Qr w$^{h}$ out any Deduct$^{n}$. Went to see Mr. Scott at Mrs. Bean's.

,, **2.** Polly, Mammy & I rec$^{d}$ the H.S. of Mr. Scott. At Mr. Sutcliff's in the eve.

,, **3.** Mrs Coleman called & payed for W$^{m}$ Cooks & 1

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**June.** week 2s 4d. To our surprise the wood came with out any notice at 5 of the clock. Had W. Kitchner & Jos Green to carry. Gave 6d each. Mrs. Humphrys & Miss Higgins called to see us & went into the garden.

,, **5.** I went to Mr. Sutcliff's meetg, only a prayer meetg He being out at the association. Heard Mr. Falkner of Thorn who was to assist at it was deprived of his understandg. Mammy sprained her thumb in ringing the clothes, or put it out, which occasioned much pain & sorrow.

,, **6.** Pulled down the grate to burn wood only. Sent my letter Yesterday to the Esq. Writ for Gold to London. Wrote for leather. Mrs. Swannel called & said Bill was so unmannerly that he would never be fit for a boardg school. My Cousin said her Jacky was so fit he had more than was wantg. Polly card a cheese to Weston. Mr. Scott preached from *All these things are against me.* A very thin Congregation.

,, **7.** I heard to-day Young was ill with the small pox at Lord's at Weston. Polly payed for the Sope. Mr. Timmings sent apricots to make a pye.

,, **8.** I writ to the Esqr this morn & recd a Note from him of better import than any of late, being free from trouble tho' no comfort. I went to see Jos Brook & prayed by him & hope he is going to Glory. Drank tea. Mr. Higgins sent us 5 fish wt 4¼.

,, **9.** All of us at church to hear Mr. Scott from [.....].[1] In afternoon from Mat 16 v 26. In the eve I went to hear Mr. Sutcliff, & was comforted from *The Lord's Arm is not Shortened.*

,, **10.** The Man of Stoke called about Scott's Bible &

[1] Gap left.

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**June** said Mr. Scott would give a new title Page &c & would call. I had my Shoes sparrow-billed.

,, **11.** I went to Mr. Hillyard's meets.

,, **12.** Mr. Higgins Junr called at the beck of my cousin She told him how ill her wrist & thumb was. He wrote a Note for her to fetch verjuice from their house. Polly went for it. Mammy accompanied as far as Hill-field. They went afterwards & payed Mr. Griggs 2s 3d

,, **13.** Recd a present of fish from Mr. Higgins. I went & heard Mr. Scott from 12 Lu. who rode, he told us, 46 miles to be treated with Contempt. He expected a small congregation, but not so small as he found,& that he thought,for the neglect of the Gospel, the Lord would take it away &c. My cousin went wh a Cheese to Weston. Mrs. Robinson's Son killed by a muck fork being run in his temples by the man at [the] muck Cart.

,, **14.** Carried some meat & bread to Drage's Childn. The mother said she had no money to buy or any provisions in the house for their supper. Wm Bannister stayed away on Acct of mowg.

,, **15.** Mr. Scott called. I wrote a memorandum of the Enquiry for inks to stain the Leather. I had a note from the Esqr informg me he had Company &c. I writ again & did not go up. Called on Harris's. Set the senna Slips.

,, **16.** Mr. Scott preached from *Tho' heaven & earth pass away yet shall not my word pass away* & in the afternoon John 1 Ep. 1 c 3 & 4 v. All of us at church in the afternoon.

,, **17.** I writ to the Esqr. Polly & Worthy went to fetch Eggs from York's, & they said they would send

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**June.** Polly again to sew. Delivered the Misses[1] writ[g] piece books to Miss Cran, Miss Pell, Miss Marshall.

,, **18.** I went to hear Mr. Hillyard on *Christ the Corner Stone.* I broke up the Miss's School to-day. Car[d] Miss Dowley's bill which I had delivered & was payed for last Christmas because they were not payed to Mr. Sample.

,, **19.** I writ to the Esq[r] but no opportunity of send[g] it.

,, **20.** Sent to-day. Han[h] called to see us. I began to saw the wood.

,, **22.** I went & drank tea with the Esq[r] &c. Brought Hayley's tool & Spence

,, **23.** I went to Mr. Bean who come from London last night to know if there would be Service, because the sermon bell did not ring &c. Waldich was clerk to-day.

,, **24** Han[h] came in very wet from a heavy shower. Warmed dryed &c and not so much as returned a thank. Sent my Letter by the boy to the Esq[r]. Bought & payed Mrs. Grigg[s] 2[s] 2[d] for Pork.

,, **27.** I writ again for Leather & Gold find[g] no ground to expect them from the former orders. I went to Church & heard Mr. Robinson from 143 Ps 4 v *Quicken me O Lord for thy name's sake.* No Notice was given till he came & therefore a small Congregation. I sent to the Esq[r].

,, **29.** This day Han[h] called & drank tea, wait[g] for Mr. Hurst who went with her home. I had been before to Weston. Saw Mad[m]. Mr. C[owper] was out walk[g]. She told me of Mr. Johnson's presentation to a living of 400 a year to hold it for a minor 14 years. Mr. J. was privately ordained by the

[1] Teedon styles every young lady at Mrs. Sample's School "Miss."

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**June.** Bp of Norwich to enter on the living in October next. She gave Polly & Mammy each a Ribband Mr. Timings & 2 child$^{n}$ called.

,, **30.** All of us at Church in the afternoon. Worthy, Polly & Mammy went to see Bet Stow. Mammy had a fall in com$^{g}$ home. I went not about in the Eve but writ my Letter to the Esq$^{r}$.

**July 1.** Mrs. Orsborn called about her Son to put him [to] school, who is to come next Monday. Han$^{h}$ called & talked about Cheese going to Mr. Hurst &c, but my cousin did not send it.

,, **2.** Polly & Mammy drank tea with Mrs. Sharman. Polly Smith's sister called when they were out to see us who had been to see her sis$^{r}$.

,, **3.** I writ to the Esq$^{r}$. He sent me a long & sorrowful Note written yesterday, but no light nor hope &c.

,, **4.** I went to Church at the Lecture. Pd R. 26$^{s}$ 6$^{d}$ for Gold 7$^{s}$ 6$^{d}$ & Leather 19$^{s}$. Rec$^{d}$ it to-day.

,, **5.** Han$^{n}$ called to know if there was anything. We recove[re]d the Almanac which was taken away by Mr. Nicholls without his knowing when he came for a Levy.[1]

,, **6.** I went to Weston. Found Mrs. U[nwin] very much affected with the heat, & Homer's bust[2] was just set up.

,, **7.** I & Polly & Mammy went & rec$^{d}$ the H.S. Worthy very ill. I fetched a bottle of wine & paid 2$^{s}$ 2$^{d}$ for it. Mrs. Andrews & her 2 Grand Child$^{n}$ called upon us.

[1] Church rate.

[2] Presented to Cowper by his kinsman Johnson. It is now in the Wilderness at Weston Underwood.

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**July 8.** Charles Orsborn came to School.

,, **9** Miss Sophia Brightman came in the evening School. I was disappointed in not send$^{g}$ my Letter, so I went with it. Found Mad$^{m}$ alone & called on Mrs. Higgins & Miss.

,, **10.** Worthy & Polly removed all the wood from the Gold end, [the goal (or boundary) end ?] but poor Worthy took very ill afterwards so we did not get to bed till midnight. Mrs. Courtenay sent the *Lives of the Poets* [to be bound].

,, **11.** I went to Church. Worthy very ill all Day but worse in the night up till midnight. Not bet[ter] till midnight.

,, **12.** Worthy ill, but we hope better.

,, **13.** J. Handscomb brought his money to go to Handslope School. O Lord, enable me to rejoice in thee & thy all sufficiency! I sent my Letter by Kitch[i]ner to the Esq$^{r}$ & in the Eve rec$^{d}$ a Letter from him of the usual sorrowful import.

,, **14.** I & Mammy & Polly at Church in the morn, only myself in the afternoon on Acc$^{t}$ of the heat.

,, **15.** I sent my Letter to the Esq$^{r}$ in which I once more attempted to ans$^{r}$ it, but I fear it's labour in vain.

,, **17.** Paid Mr. Botterill for a bottle of wine & car$^{d}$ the bottle home to him, eat a mazerion berry, which made me very ill & much terrified Polly &c.

,, **18.** I rec$^{d}$ my money from Mrs. Morgan. Had a bottle of Gin which I paid for.

,, **19.** Mrs. Swannel here & said they would rather p$^{d}$ 20£ than Orsborn's boy should come. Car$^{d}$ home the magazines 3 vols. Rec$^{d}$ 5$^{s}$ & agreed to bind

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**July.** a year's newse half bound for 4:6 & to Letter them.

,, **20.** I went & drank tea with the Esq$^{r}$ & Mad$^{m}$ who s$^{d}$ she could stand alone. Mr- Sutcliff called to take leave. On Monday going into Yorkshire.

,, **21.** I & Polly & Mammy at Church & all alarmed by Kitty Perkins being in a fit, & Worthy likewise in the afternoon. At Mr. Sutcliff's meet$^{g}$ in the eve *Thou shalt see the King in his beauty*, being a funeral discourse.

,, **22.** At Mrs. Sample's again. Miss Abraham, Cran & Davis. She said if I brought the bill she would pay me all the 3 Misses due, viz Marshall, Pell & Dowley. Sent to the Esq$^{r}$. Petit called for the Bible belonging to the Sunday School of Ravenstone 2$^{s}$ 2$^{d}$.

,, **23.** I rec$^{d}$ £2 os 6d of Mrs. Sample.

,, **24.** At Mr. Sutcliff's meet$^{g}$ of prayer.

,, **25.** I went to Church. I writ to Green for Stationery wares.

,, **27.** I car$^{a}$ home the *Botanic Garden*. Had 7$^{s}$ 6$^{d}$. Drank tea with Mad$^{m}$, Han$^{h}$ & Sally Hodges.

,, **28.** I went to Mr. Sutcliff's meet$^{g}$. Only prayers because he was away. I went in the eve to Mr. Hillyard's. T. Chater preached in Mr. Brightman's barn to a congregation it's said of 400.

,, **29.** I writ a Letter to W$^{m}$ Smith at the camp Valenienciennes. It goes in about 4 or 5 days if the wind be fair. Han$^{h}$ insisted on my tak$^{g}$ 1$^{s}$ for mak$^{g}$ her 12 Crow-pens. Mr. Dumvile & Sally came to bring Miss King's Comp$^{ts}$.

,, **30.** I went to the lower meet$^{g}$ to hear Mr. Priestly of

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**July.** Buckingham: *He is altogether lovely.* Worthy being ill, Mrs. Swannel here in a great fume from a mistaken Message the girl car$^{d}$ home.

,, **31.** I went to the prayer meet$^{g}$ at Mr. Sutcliff's.

**Aug. 1.** I reckoned with Abrahams & Palmers & re$^{d}$ from both only 4$^{s}$ : 6$^{d}$. I went to Church. Had some pease brought by Polly York. Mrs. Sample proposed my teaching Kitty. I would have done it, twice attempting, Kitty with loud cry$^{g}$ refused.

,, **2.** Mrs. Gardner buried this eve. I went & heard Mr. Fuller on *The great harvest of the world* from Matt. 13 c. v. 41. 2. 3.

,, **3.** I went & drank tea with Han$^{h}$ & Mad$^{m}$. Saw Sally Rogers who lives with Mr. Newton who goes to Town on Tuesday. I found [the] Countess of Spencer had made a present, Mad$^{m}$ said a great one to Mr. C[owper]. I could find but only engravings, which Mr. C would not take 300 guiueas for, being solely engraven for the Odyssey for himself.

,, **4.** I & Polly & Mammy rec$^{d}$ the H.S. at Mr. Sutcliff's & heard a most dull preacher from Naseby. Writ my Letter.

,, **5.** I rec$^{d}$ Jane's Moneys 7$^{s}$.

,, **6.** Mr. Courtenay for binding *Dr. Johnson's Lives* 4 vols 5$^{s}$ : 4$^{d}$, & sent More's view[s] of Italy &c. I went very unwilling[ly] to hear Mrs. Tilly, who made a very solid & pious discourse from 2 Zech 11 v.

,, **7.** I writ to the Esq$^{r}$.

,, **8.** I went to Church. The Letter to the Esq$^{r}$ went to-day.

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**Aug. 10.** Rec$^{d}$ a Letter from the Esq$^{r}$. of happier import than any I ever rec$^{d}$ on the whole. The Lord grant it may be his harbinger of deliverance! I called on Mrs. Gees, S. Roybythorn being very ill with the putrid sore throat &c.

,, **11.** The Lord be praised, we all of us were at Church morn & noon. I went & heard Manning preach at Mr. Sutcliff's meets.

,, **12.** I writ to the Esq$^{r}$, & Han$^{h}$ called with 3 others whom we did not know, but I had sent the Letter. Sent the Quarto Bible of Mrs. Abbott bound in calf by Mr. Willson who paid me 5. I writ to Whitbread, desiring simply without mentioning anything else, the return of the MS. Called on Sally Roybythorn who is very ill with a sore throat &c.

,, **14.** Mr. Sutcliff called on us being just arrived from Yorkshire. I went & heard Mr. Hillyard Jnr. Mr. Higgins sent us a little jack. Called on Sally Robythorn who I found something better.

,, **15.** I went to the Lecture at Church. Mr. Hillyard preached at the lower meet$^{g}$ of which they sent me word. I writ to the Esq$^{r}$ to-day.

,, **16.** Called on Sally & found her below Stairs & much better & so I found I Hillyard who has been very ill with the putrid fever.

,, **17.** I went to the Esq$^{r}$ & drank tea with him. He showed me the defects of the cutt$^{g}$ & press$^{g}$ of the book. Mr. Nicholls sent us 7 Pigeons.

,, **18.** I & Mammy & Polly being at Church, Worthy sent me a billet at Church inform$^{g}$ me Mr. Whitbread had sent for me to come to the Barns, but I found it was Tompson by his Order. I & Polly went on Bannister's horse, got there by 6 of the

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Aug. Clock, put up & was most kindly rec$^{d}$ by Bet Purser &c, went to Tompson at the Barns, who told me Mr. W. ordered him to pay me 2 Guineas! I sent my Comp$^{ts}$ & this did not settle the business. I must see him, & earnestly desired an interview w$^{h}$ him, & if Mr. W. sent for me himself I would instantly attend. I gave 1$^{s}$ to F & W Teedon, 6$^{d}$ each to the boy and maid at Mr. Purser's.

,, 19. I & Polly set out at 6, got hither by 9 of the clock, borrowing a Spur at the Fishes where we had a Glass of Gin. I writ to the Esq$^{r}$ as usual, giv$^{g}$ a relation of my experience on my journey, all but the business at the barns.

,, 20. I went & heard Mr. Hillyard from *There is a river which makes glad the City of our God, &c.*

,, 21. I got up at five to exercise myself with the tray. Poor Mammy took very ill before I had done. I fetched ½ pint of brandy & a bottle of wine in trust. She continued so ill, I was in much apprehension, she was forced to go to bed after dinner but, praised be the Lord, grew better, I hope, before we went to bed.

,, 22. My dear cousin very ill but I hope still mending. We saw Han$^{h}$ go in a Chaise with Sam$^{l}$ & his wife to Bedford. I went to Church.

,, 23. My Cousin, still, I hope, better. She put on a Blister & took some red bark, which I hope the Lord will bless.

,, 24. My Cousin is better. I went & car$^{d}$ Mr. Johnson's book & drank tea with the Esq. whom I found in the very depth & blackness of Despair. I payed Mr. Botterill for a bottle of wine and ½ a pint of Brandy 2$^{s}$ 8$^{d}$.

,, 25. I writ my Letter to the Esq$^{r}$ & went over with it

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**August.** myself in the eve.

,, **26.** Coleman came again. My cousin went & took a walk for the air. My cousin I hope better. Went to Mr. Raban & spoke for two folio boards & told Mrs. Raban, who asked me how much she owed, that I accounted the Acc$^{t}$ even by the stool.

,, **27.** I went & heard Mr. Sutcliff. I writ to the Esq$^{r}$. Had the boards brought for the folios.

,, **28.** I went to the Lecture at Church & payed Mr. J. Raban for the boards.

,, **29.** I writ to the Esq$^{r}$ but before the Letter was sent I rec$^{d}$ from him a most sorrowful Note that he believed himself on the verge of Madness &c. The Lord turn his Darkness into light! Mrs. Swannel & Mad$^{m}$ passing by, my cousin heard them speak disrespectful &c, & she & Polly went to take a walk to be out of the way. I heard of Sally B['s] situation! with much concern.

,, **30.** J Randall came to see us & went home at 4 of the Clock. Mr. York brought Harvest Cheer but with the sad tydings of Polly's illness who, he said, could not live. I went to the Esq$^{r}$'s, rec$^{d}$ my Q$^{r}$ with this bitterness, not to expect it longer than Dec$^{r}$ 1, because the Don$^{r}$ intimated he would send it if he could without diminution.

**Sept. 1.** I & Polly re$^{d}$ the holy S. Worthy very ill. I was much discomposed all day tho' the unkind intimation of Mad$^{m}$. Yesterday heard Polly was very dangerous by Mr. Biggs. I writ as usual.

,, **2.** Sent my Letter by J Humphry with the Letter. Polly paid Mr. Cuthbertson for sope 4$^{s}$ 6$^{d}$ Griggs for a Leg of Lamb 2$^{s}$. Heard late at night the poor Girl lay a dying. Miss Dowl[e]y among

1793.

Sept. the ladies for the first time after the Midsummer recess.

,, 3. Informed this morn of poor Polly's death. I went down to Mr. Hillyard's on the funeral of Neig^r Cawley which was so protracted I did not stay till the whole was ended.

,, 4. All of us invited to Polly's burial. I writ to the Esq^r.

,, 5. Worthy & Polly went to the burial. Worthy had a Hatband, & Polly Gloves.

,, 6. My Cousin went to Mr. Higgins' to pay for the wood, but they were all gone to Turvey, so drank tea with the Maids, but, com^g home, met Mr. H & Miss, & payed him, who both behaved very courteously, wishing they had been at home &c.

,, 7. I & Polly & Mammy went & drank tea with Mr. & Mrs. York.

,, 8. I writ my Letter & went over with it myself & drank tea with the Esq^r & Mad^m. Mr. Bean informed us from the pulpit he was going a long journey. I hear it is to Bath on Acc^t of his Health.

,, 9. J. Clark came again. Polly Smith brought some apples & drank tea. I found by Mrs. Sample they had sent for Mr. Inkersole, Miss Dowley's Uncle to fetch her away, they had learned by herself she was to go away at Christmas. S. Petit died of the putrid fever, took at the night of the harvest Cart in which he played on the fiddle last Friday night.

,, 10. Heard Mr. Sharman from *There is joy in the presence of the Angels of God over one Sinner that repenteth, &c.* At Mr. Hillyard's meet^g. I writ to the Esq^r.

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**Sep. 11.** Heard Mr. Sharman at Mr. Sutcliff's from Isa. 42 *When thou passest thro' the waters, &c.*

,, **12.** I writ to the Esq$^{r}$.

,, **13.** I writ to the Esq$^{r}$, but afterwards rec$^{d}$ a sorrowful note from Esq$^{r}$.

,, **14.** I went to see Jos. Brook who seemed to be better than when I saw him last.

,, **15.** All but Worthy at Church in the afternoon & Polly & I in the morn. Mr. Postlethwait preached. I writ my Letter & car$^{d}$ it over & drank tea.

,, **16.** I writ the attestation of S. Stow's age.

,, **17.** The two Nicholls came again. Bet Stow came home & met with no difficulty but all very agreeable.

,, **18.** I writ to the Esq$^{r}$ & sent the Review to him which he delivered by mistake for the Mag & he sent me the Mag.

,, **19.** I went to see G. Morgan who was ill of a sore throat &c, but I hope not dangerously.

,, **20.** Mr. Postlethwait called on me & I told him of my serving him &c, and that he did not use me well. He had nothing to say.

,, **21.** Mr. Higgins Jun$^{r}$ called to see us, but would not come off the step, he being, he said, in such a hurry.

,, **22.** Mrs. Stow & James drank tea with us & recited all the particulars of the Journey. I went and heard Mr. Sharman from *Take away all iniquity.* Hosea 12.

,, **23.** I went and heard Mr. Sharman for the last time

1793.

**Sept.** from Acts 15 *Fare ye well.* I went to the Esq$^{r}$.

,, **24.** Polly & Worthy went to see Mr. York, I did not go to Mrs. Sample's, she going out to take a walk with the Children. She sent her Comp$^{ts}$ inform$^{g}$ me in the morn

,, **26.** I writ to the Esqr.

,, **27.** Mr. Sutcliff smoaked a pipe with us.

,, **28.** I went & drank tea with the Esq$^{r}$. Mrs. Dumvile who had been lately at Bedford told us Han$^{h}$ could not bare staying at Bedford & had sent a Letter for the Esq$^{r}$. I went to see Miss Higgins, but met her & Mr. Bean on the road.

,, **29.** Polly took very ill in the afternoon at church & forced to come home. I fetched brandy which did much good. I car$^{d}$ my Letter for the Esq$^{r}$ to W. Kitchener.

,, **30.** Lucy & Ann York with Barbara Rose drank tea with us. I began my letter to W, but continuing it too long & refusing to give over, &c., poor Mammy fell into fits to my sorrow.

**Oct. 1.** I went to Mr. Hardwick. Barlow's Traveller half-bound sheep gilt & lettered 6 folio, very thick, big enough for 2 vols.

,, **2.** I writ to the Esq$^{r}$ & car$^{d}$ the letter to Kitchiner.

,, **3.** I went & ca.$^{d}$ the Knife to the Weston Clark, Smith, to be new pointed, & went to the Esq$^{rs}$; drank 2 Glasses of porter & eat some tart. Was asked to drink tea but did not stay. The Esq$^{r}$ told me of the anecdote of Beresford's Virgil, who tho' he had reflected on him had besought him to correct it, which he refused,

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**Octr. 4.** Heard Mr. Fuller. Isa. 40 c *All flesh is grass* &c.

,, **5.** I & Polly went to Mrs. Swannell, drank tea with her, met poor Abrahams the Gard^r & gave him 2^d.

,, **6.** I & Polly rec^d the H. S. I did not go in the afternoon to Church, a sermon being made & collection for the S. S. Worthy very ill. I writ my letter. Heard Mr. Fuller from Mal. 3 c *Then shall they return* &c.

,, **7.** Mr. Hancock come & took home 3 vols of Scott's Bible.

,, **12.** I went and drank tea at the Esqr's & re^d my Letter in the Kitchen, for they had not sent it. I drank tea with Mr. Johnson who came the day before. The new Shears came this eve.

,, **13.** No service at Church this morn, it being at Weston. I went to Mr. Sutcliff's in the morn. In the afternoon T. Raban discovered his mind to be disturbed &c. I went again to the meeting in the Eve.

,, **14.** I had no Opportunity of send^g my Letter, so deferred it to Kitchiner's Care tomorrow.

,, **17.** Writ to the Esq^r. At Mr. Sutcliff's meet^g. Rec^d 7/- for Miss King of Mrs. Sculthrop.

,, **19.** Polly & Worthy went to see Mrs. York & brought home a Duck. I reckoned with Mrs. Morgan who would have docked me 1/- for G['s] illness, but I would not submit. I car^d to Tompkins the old Shears &, call^g on Mrs. Andrews, found she had a bad fall from the Chaise & cut her face.

,, **20.** I writ my Letter & car^d it to Kitchiner but he had finished the walk, and did not go over, and informed me Mr. Hayley & Son was expected to-day. Mr.

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**October.** Rose is there. I went to Mr. Sutcliff's.

,, **21** T. Soul came to school. Lucy, Ann & Chris came to drink tea &c. I sent my Letter by Sam[l] who came with Hayley's Boy. I called on Mrs. Andrews. Mrs. Keep spoke about her son com[g] to School. Worthy very ill & so exceed[g] bad with pain of his tooth we did know hardly what to do. I went to Putton's for a Leach. Cost 3[d].

,, **22.** W. Keep came to-day & James Revis. Mary Abraham died. Worthy very ill.

,, **23.** I writ to the Esq[r].

,, **24.** Worthy still ill.

,, **25.** I went to Mrs. Soul & rec[d] 1[s] for the spell[g] Book & rec[d] an Ans[r] from the Esq[r] but no notice of com[g] to see him. Mrs. Swannel here with her Maid & behaved very oddly.

,, **26.** I went down to Mrs. Soul & car[d] the 2 Books to be covered, went to Brightman's & rec[d] £1. 2. 0, who said I charged too high.

,, **27.** I went to Church alone the whole day on Acc[t] of Worthy's Illness which much distressed us, nor hardly knew how to treat his swelled Hand.

,, **28.** Mrs. Lovemore brought her Son to School.

,, **29.** I sent a Guinea by J. Stow to Mrs Soul which Tommy was playing with. She thanked me in a Note. Had a bushel of Apples 2[s] 8[d] from Mrs. Robinson's of Yardley.

,, **31.** Nancy Perry came to School in the eve. At Church. I sent my letter to the Esq[r].

**Nov. 2.** I went over to Mrs. Palmer, rec[d] 6[s] 6[d] for Car[y]

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Novr. wh[o] she said, should come again. I called on Miss Higgins for some linen rags for Worthy's Hand, which we hope is now better. I then went to the Esqr's, drank tea with Mr. Hayley, who promised to befriend Worthy and bestow a tool or two on him &c. I came home with Mott, Miss Brightman's man. Neighbour Davis fell from the Ladder at R. Andrews' & much hurt.

,, 3. Rec$^{d}$ the H. S. alone. Nelly Stow called on us & her Mother. Writ to the Esq$^{r}$.

,, 4. I Brook & T & R York came to School. I sent my Letter & began my Satyr [satire] w$^{h}$ vigour, but met with my domestic storms as an encouragement.

,, 5. I had 3 Swannels & T. Willson only. Worthy & I cleaved the residue of the wood. I went to Mr. Bean's to inform him I had read the Acc$^{t}$ of the D[uke] of York's Victory & Capture of Menin. Mr. & Miss Higgins there. Mr. Bean gave me the Cork Socks, cost 3$^{d}$.

,, 6. I writ to the Esq$^{r}$.

,, 8. I reckoned with Mr. Abraham.

,, 9. I was very desirous of going to Weston, but tho' I dressed for it I was prevented by Mammy's desire & the rest &c.

,, 10. I went to Church in the morn but was taken very ill there just as the sermon was ended. Very ill at home but thro' mercy compleatly cured by Drinking freely of Brandy. Did not go out on that Acc$^{t}$ all the day follow$^{g}$.

,, 11. Mr. J. Higgins came & kindly presented a G[uinea]. 2 Yorks & W$^{m}$ Nicholls came to School & R. Johnson. I had no opportunity of send$^{g}$ my

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Novr. Letter to the Esqr. Jacky Higgins presented me with a Guinea. So good came out of my illness!

,, 12. S. Roberts called for the Letter & said Mr. Hayley was to go tomorrow. I heard Mr. Carver *He led them by the right way*, 101 Ps.

,, 14. No Lecture, Mr. B going to Bedford.

,, 15. I writ yesterday & S. Roberts called, told me Ha[y]ley was gone on Wednesday & took my Letter & said His Mas^r bid him tell me he would write tomorow.

,, 16. I rec^d the Letter. Had the Chimney swept. My poor Cousin had a most dre[a]dful fit in the Barn on my not come in just then &c.

,, 17. We were all at Church in the afternoon to hear Mr. Abbott of Bedford.

,, 18. G. Raban, W^m Wykes is to come to school. Mr, Hanna, tis said, tomorrow. I went & heard Mr. Emery on *They are mine I have called them.* Rec^d Maria's school^g.

,, 19. W^m Wykes came to-day.

,, 21. Mr. H & Miss sent the Reviews & a green Coat for Worthy. The Lord bless them all.

,, 23. My Cousin almost as bad as the former Saturday. I went to Weston to see my Lady,[1] but asked the Esq^r & he thought it best to defer it till I came to drink tea.

,, 24. Worthy & Mammy both very ill. I & Polly at Church.

[1] Lady Hesketh.

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**Nov. 25.** Rich. Swannell stayed away. I sent my Letter by Sam[l].

,, **26.** I pay'd my Rent & 2[s] left unpaid for the Knives.

,, **28.** I went to Church to the Lecture where Mr. Bean proposed the communicants to meet at 7 on every Friday before rec[s].

,, **29.** I re[d] a Note from the Esq[r] of Milton being postponed by the booksellers until the war was over on Acct of the great expense, & he was now in the last Book of Homer & then begin his original com[mentary] & that my Remittance was ready.

,, **30.** Rec[d] my Qrs of Clark & Soul & went to W[eston] & rec[d] my Qr of Mad[m] & the Esq, & found Mrs. Perry there. Found my Gloves & called on the Blacksmith.

**Dec. 1.** All of us received the H. S. I went to Mr. Sutcliff's meet[g].

,, **4.** I went & car[d] home 4 books bor[d] of Mr. Bean to see the tree bind[g] Mr. B. Higgins there.

,, **5.** I writ to the Esq[r] & to Whitbread.

,, **7.** Mrs. Swannel sent the Child[n] with 10[lb] of fine Hog meat. We made them all drink tea, gave them a cake made then & sent the residue to Rich[d].

,, **8.** I did not go out to-day being ill with pains in my head face, &c. Mrs. Bean came in the eve to see me & told us of 2 very great lies [ ][1]

,, **9.** Sally Robythorn came again.

,, **10.** I broke up School to-day at Mrs. Sample's, she giv[g] over intirely to-morrow for a month.

[1] Three words crossed out.

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Dec. 11. I did not, nor indeed could not, send my Sunday Letter till this afternoon!

,, 12: Mr. Bean came to speak to me to come to teach his Son writ^g at home, to begin after Christmas. I went to see Mrs Andrews.

,, 15. I did not go to Church, but went to Weston & saw my Lady who presented me with a G[uinea]. I went to Mr. Sutcliff's. In my letter to the Esq^r I this time requested him to use once every day the 3 first petitions of the Lit^y. & the last petition from thence to the end. The Lord give his blessing to it.

,, 16. Allpress Aston came to School.

,, 18. I writ to the Esq^r.

,, 21. Broke up School to-day, set the Church boys the Collect for Christmas day & to write the Ep[istle] & Gos[pel]. I went to Mrs. Andrews & told her I gave nothing to the Sub[scription] for the Soldiers in Germany &c, & drank some Gin & water. The meet^g boys I set part of the 9 Chap of Isa.

,, 22. I went to the Esq^r & brought home the *May & Wharton* on Milton. I desired in.

,, 23. I went & car^d my Letter to the Esq^r in the morn & dined with Mr. & Miss Higgins who kindly offered to buy Worthy a press & to go as far as a Guinea, & asked me if Worthy could play on wire instruments. I answered he could if he had instruments.

,, 25. I went over with my Letter to the Esq^r, who, in pursuance of my advice, had been visited with a glimpse of the Divine presence. Praised be the name of the Lord. I desired the Esq^r to mention to Mr. Hayley to enquire the price of a press. He s^d he would.

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**Dec. 29.** We were all at Church.

,, **30.** I went to teach Mas^r Bean at one of the clock.

,, **31.** Thomas Creamer came to School.

*O Christi fave meis inceptis.*

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**Jan. 1.** I being very hoarse I did not go to Church. Text 2 Sa 40 v to the end. Mrs Bean presented me with ¼ of a lb of tea, a Glass of wine & a plate of Apples ; Bet Stow with tea & curran[t]s.

,, **3.** I rec^d a sorrowful Note from the Esq^r.

,, **4.** Mrs. Osborn came & payed for Charles.

,, **5.** I, Polly & Mammy rec^d the H.S. Bet Stow & James drank tea.

,, **6.** I went to Mr. Bean's as usual. Polly Smith called on us.

,, **7.** I went to Mr. Bean's & Jacky was gone out with his Sis^r & was to dine with Mr. Higgins tomorrow.

,, **8.** Sally Robythorn said she was to come no more but go to Bedford. I went to meet^g. But was quite composed tho' Maria Nicholls brought her sister's money & said she was to make up her Q^r & she was to go to Daintry [Daventry]. I writ to the Esq^r.

,, **9.** I did not go to Mr. Bean because they were all at Weston. He finished the Lectures on the [Heb-[rews]. I sent my Letter to the Esq^r.

,, **10.** I re^d a most sorrowful Note from the Esq.

,, **11.** I went over to Weston, saw the Esq^r & Mad^m & went to Miss Higgins who told me she heard there was to be a wedding at my house, viz Polly & Worthy.[1]

[1] The wedding did not come off till 18 April 1868.

1794.

**Jan. 12.** I alone at Church. Worthy ill with a swelling in his neck. Hancock called for his Books & went away in a rage. I at meet$^{g}$, went to Mrs. Sample's to ask her if the Misses would be there. So I go to Mr. Bean's tomorrow.

,, **15.** I went to Mr. Sutcliff's.

,, **17.** Worthy very ill with a Cough.

,, **18.** I went to the Esq$^{r}$ & found him deplorably bad, and told me he never was so bad & desired me to pray for his immediate help. Lady Hesketh spoke for a Letter Case. I went to W$^{m}$ Smith's & Mrs. Andrews'. Sam Roberts ill.

,, **19.** No Church this morn. Mr. Jones of Creaton preached at Weston in the morn. I & Polly there. Worthy very ill with a Cough.

,, **21.** Miss Higgins sent the reviews & desired Worthy to come over & mend the Spinnet.

,, **22.** I writ to the Esq$^{r}$. Worthy went over & stayed [the] day, & rec$^{d}$ 2$^{s}$ 6$^{d}$ & is to go again tomorrow.

,, **23.** He went to-day & stayed till 3 of the Clock.

,, **25.** I went to Mrs. Brightman to rec$^{e}$ my Bill, but Mrs. B. said she would send it at Dinner time, which she did.

,, **26.** I went over to see the Esq$^{r}$ in the morn & Mrs. Unwin found him so exceeding low as hardly able to speak. I stayed an hour, came home, writ a Letter to him &c. At Mr. Sutcliff's meet$^{g}$.

,, **27.** I went to School, it proving a deep snow which came very suddenly. I had but 2 came which I dismissed, & in the afternoon I had but 6. Worthy so ill with his Cough we were all alarmed. I

1794.

**Jan.** went down to Clark's bought an handkerchief 2s 6d for Mammy & 4 Ells of cloth for myself 14d per Ell.

,, **28.** Worthy somthing better, praised be the Lord! Had a doz. of Spellg books from Hamilton 7s.

,, **29.** Worthy took for his Cough Dyer's Cordial with benefit this night.

,, **30.** For the memorial of thy lovingkindness on this day will I praise thee, O Lord, my God! durg the course of my whole life.

,, **31.** I could not send my Monday Letter till today when Saml called & said Mr. Cowper was something better but still very ill.

**Feb. 1.** I writ a Letter & Mr. Higgins sent some Apples & 4 pears. I sent it by the Boy who brought them to Mr. C[owper]. I praise thy name O Lord my God for all the mercies & deliverances here recorded. Amen & Amen.

,, **2.** I recd the H.S. alone. After dinner I went to see the Esqr & found, to my astonisht, my Letter was not come to hand. Saml had recd [it] he said, on being questioned, yesterday, but had forgot it. Exceedg low I found the Esqr yet I thought it was a good sign he desired my prayers that he might not fall into the hands of God nor into the hands of Satan.

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| 1791 | Oct 23 Lady Hesketh | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| | Dec$^{r}$ 1 Mad$^{m}$ | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| 1792 | Jan$^{y}$ 21 By Mr. Bean | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| | March 1 By Mad$^{m}$ or Bank N[ote] | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| | June 1 do | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| | July 6 By Mr. Newton | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | Before the Journey to Eartham | 7 | 10 | 0 |
| | | 30 | 17 | 0 |

1793 I will praise thy glorious name O Lord that I, being in the way, thou leadest me to the house, whither I would go.

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| Feb$^{y}$ 2 Miss Higgins | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| March 2 Mrs. Unwin | 6 | 10 | 0 |
| May 18 of the Esq$^{r}$, which I bor$^{d}$, but on my receipt of the Quarterage he did not deduct it but presented as his own gift | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| June 1 | 6 | 10 | 0 |
| Aug$^{t}$ the 18 Mr. Tompson from Mr. W[hitbread]. My mountain in labour with a mouse. | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Sept$^{r}$ 1$^{st}$ the Q$^{r}$ with the sorrowful hint of discontinuance next Q$^{r}$, which the Lord for his mercy's sake avert. | 6 | 10 | 0 |
| Nov 11 Mr J. Higgins of his own mind & good will—the good Lord bless him! | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Dec 1 Re$^{d}$ my Q$^{r}$ without bad tid$^{gs}$ | 6 | 10 | 0 |
| 15 Lady Hesketh | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| | 31 | 14 | 6 |

*In order to read the last page the Diary has to be reversed. Teedon had evidently begun the Diary at this end, and after making a few entries had turned it round and started afresh at the other end. He filled up the gaps with odd entries.*

*This page reads as follows :—*

*O Christi fave meis inceptis.*

1791.

**Oct. 17.** M.—W. Bedford came to School. I sent my Letter to Mad$^{m}$. Polly Smith drank tea. Mr. Perry of Wollerston offered me W$^{m}$ Perry to board. I refused him.

,, **18.** I told

,, **19.** Mr. Bean came about 10 of the clock to offer me the Schoolmaster's place to the Colony of Sierra Leon[e]. I did not give a direct refusal, which occasioned a terrible conflict at home. At 4 he came again to the School to read Mr. Thornton's Letters & Mr. Newton's. I gave a decided refusal on Acct of the clime. At Mr. Sutcliff's meet$^{g}$.

1792.

**Jan. 9.** Miller No 144 Cheapside Quill & Pen warehouse 10$^{d}$ to 10$^{s}$.

**June 22.** Mr. Handcock, Butcher. Mr. Presland Draper of Higham. The fee of Martha Lamb & Robert.

**July 2.** I bought ½ a Quire of ap [cap. i. e., foolscap] paper of Mr. Abraham for 8 [8$^{d}$] sells it by the sheet for ¾. [¾$^{d}$]

1793.

**May 19.** I had a strong impression on my mind of good to myself or the Esq$^{r}$ from this day! To come in a year & 6 months from this time 19 of May 1793.

## End of Teedon's Diary.

# *Notes.*

1795 July Cowper left Weston.
1796 Dec. 17 Mrs. Unwin died.
1798 June 9 Teedon buried.
1800 Apr. 25 Cowper died.
1807 Dec 5 "Mammy" buried.
1808 Apr 18 "Worthy" & "Polly" married.
1818 Nov 19 "Polly" buried.
1828 Feb 24 "Worthy" buried.

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